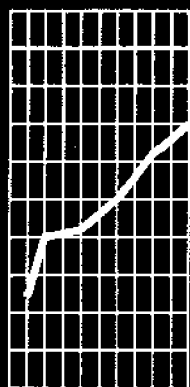




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This issue has been restyled to a standard format resulting in a reduction in the number of years displayed in the time series tables. The Building materials indexes have been reduced from a monthly to quarterly series.

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\* subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes

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## REVIEW

### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN OVERVIEW

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- In August 1997 the value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$306.0m, a 0.5% fall on August 1996.
- The trend estimate for retail turnover increased by 0.7% in August 1997.
- The trend for total new vehicle registrations has been flat since March 1997 after growing from the recent low in September 1996.
- The trend estimate for total dwelling units approved in August 1997 fell by 3.1% from the July estimate but was 13.9% higher than August 1996.
- The trend for the number of dwelling units commenced rose by 8.3% in the June quarter 1997.
- The total value of building work commenced during the June quarter 1997 increased by 51.2% to \$383.5m whilst the total value of building work done rose by 21.5% to \$351.4m.
- The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide decreased by 0.6% between the June and September quarters 1997.
- The Price Index of Materials used in House Building rose 0.7% in Adelaide for the September quarter 1997 and the Price Index of Materials used in Building Other Than House Building increased 0.1%.
- There were 6,995 short-term overseas visitor arrivals and 14,233 short-term departures overseas in July 1997.
- The trend estimate of employed persons was 661,900 in September 1997, slightly higher than the 658,800 in September 1996.
- The trend unemployment rate was unchanged at 9.8% in September 1997.
- There were 200 working days lost through industrial disputes during July 1997.
- Total housing finance commitments (original figures including alterations and additions) increased 2.8% to \$261.5m in August 1997.

### STATE ACCOUNTS

NOTE: Deficiencies in the data sources used to estimate gross operating surplus for recent quarters may at times lead to the current price estimates of gross state product GSP(I) being under or over stated for particular States. Consequently, the measured growth rate for constant price GSP(I) for those States will also be affected.

The constant price series for gross state product (GSP) have been labelled as 'experimental'. Users are cautioned that these estimates are derived indirectly by calculating a deflator from the expenditure components. It is emphasised that, at times, movements that can not be fully explained may be introduced into the constant price GSP(I) series through the use of this proxy deflator.

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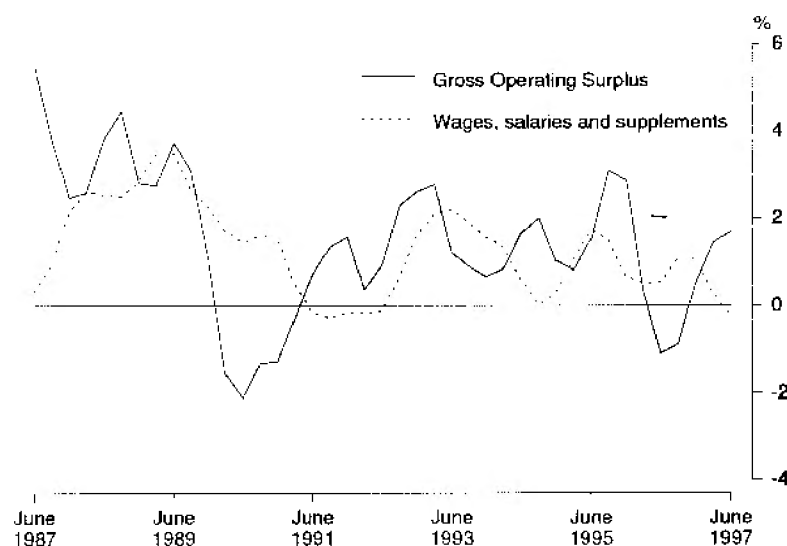
### STATE ACCOUNTS *continued*

#### Trend estimates (current prices)

The trend estimate for GSP grew by 0.7% in the June quarter, a growth rate which has remained fairly constant for the past three quarters. GDP(I) for Australia increased 1.2% for the June quarter. South Australia has now been below the national rate for the past six quarters.

Contributing to the low June growth rate was a fall of 0.2% in wages, salaries and supplements. Growth through the year to June quarter 1997 was 2.2%, significantly below the national average of 5.6%.

Gross operating surplus grew by 1.7% in the June quarter continuing an upward trend. The national average was 1.6% for the period. Indirect taxes less subsidies rose by 1.6% in the June quarter and by 2.6% through the year.

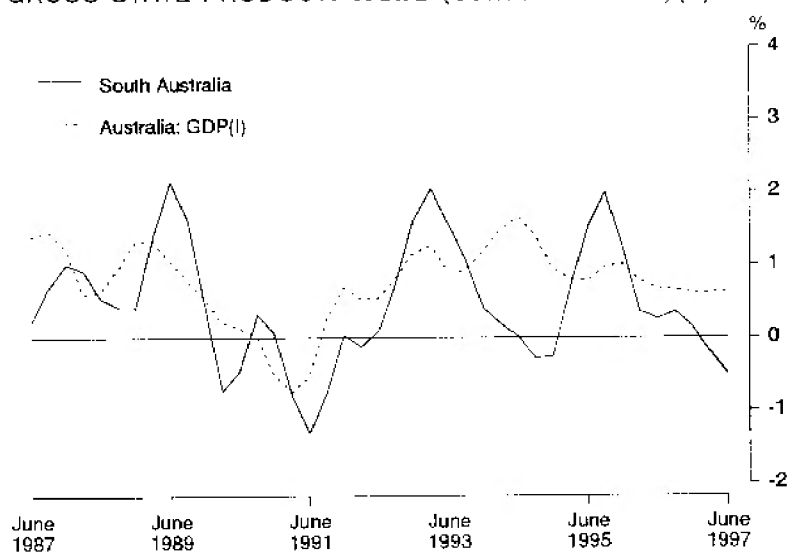


#### Trend estimates (constant prices)

The experimental estimate of GSP at constant prices fell by 0.5% in the June quarter compared with an increase in GDP(I) for Australia of 0.6%. South Australia and Tasmania were the only States to record a decrease.

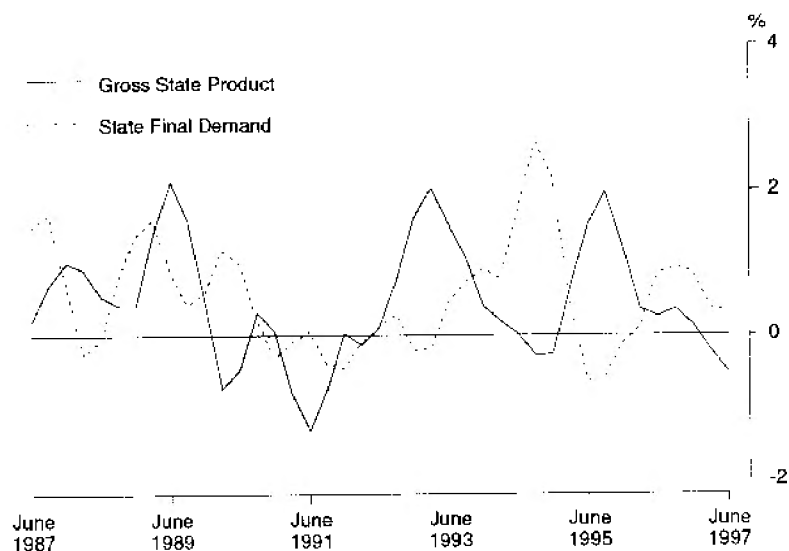
The annual growth rate in GSP at constant prices fell by 0.2% compared with the national increase of 2.6%. Tasmania (-1.4%) and the ACT (-1.0%) also recorded negative annual growth rates.

GROSS STATE PRODUCT: **Trend** (Constant Prices) (a)



(a) Quarterly changes.

State final demand (SFD) increased by 0.3% in the June quarter and has, for the past five quarters, grown at a faster rate than GSP. Contributing to the modest increase in SFD was a 1.5% fall in public final demand, the largest fall for any State in the June quarter. The fall in public final demand reflects a large fall in gross fixed capital expenditure by public trading enterprises.



Private gross fixed capital expenditure increased by 1.5% in the June quarter (due mainly to an increase in dwelling and non-dwelling construction) and by 9.9% in the year to June quarter 1997.

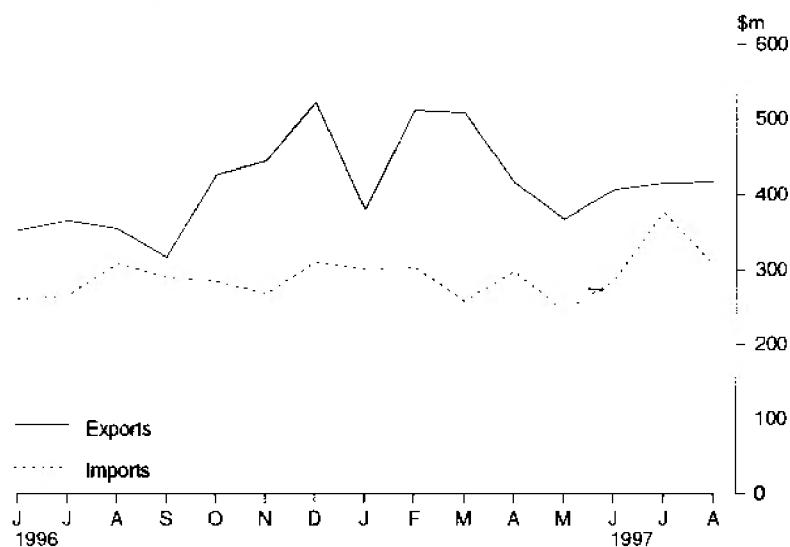
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### INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

#### Merchandise exports

Merchandise exports where the final stage of production was in South Australia were valued at \$416.6m in August 1997, a 0.3% increase on July and 17.7% on August 1996. The major commodity groups exported during the month were road vehicles, parts and accessories \$60.4m, wine \$44.6m, a record high monthly figure, metals and metal manufactures \$43.5m, and petroleum and petroleum products \$38.7m.

The major destinations of South Australian exports in August 1997 were the United States of America \$79.9m and Japan \$50.7m. Exports to the United Kingdom increased from \$27.3m in July 1997 to \$43.5m in August 1997 and the European Community total increased \$12.0m to \$72.2m.



#### Merchandise imports

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia were \$306.0m in August 1997, a 18.8% decrease on the previous month and a 0.5% decrease on August 1996. The decrease of \$70.9m on the previous month were mainly the result of decreases in the importation of petroleum and petroleum products which fell from \$66.5m to \$29.9m and machinery \$108.0m to \$75.4m.

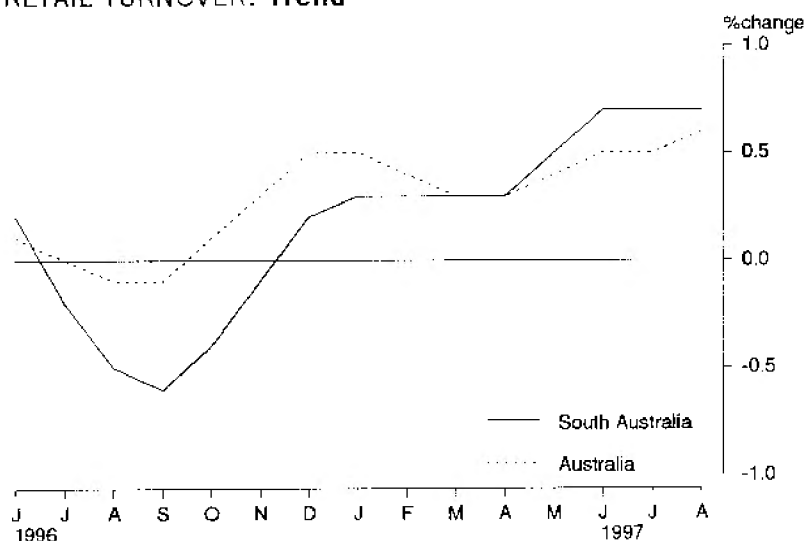
### CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

#### Retail turnover

The trend estimate for retail turnover rose by 0.7% in August 1997 and has been increasing at this level for the past 3 months.

Over the three months to August 1997 the trend estimate has increased by \$17.1m. The major contributors to this growth were food retailing (\$6.8m), household good retailing (\$4.7m), and clothing and soft good retailing (\$3.1m).

# RETAIL TURNOVER: Trend

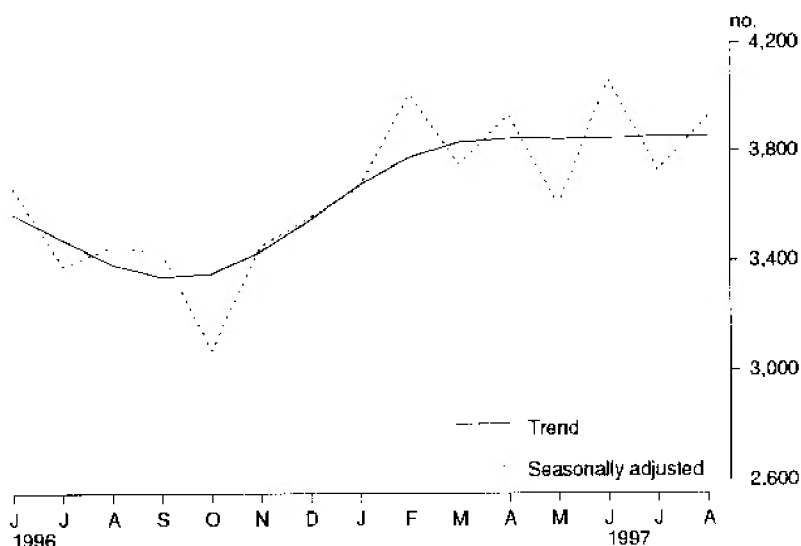


In original terms, South Australian retail turnover was \$777.8m, a decrease of 0.1% on August 1996.

## New motor vehicle registrations

The trend for total new vehicle registrations has been flat since March 1997 after growing from the recent low in September 1996. The Australian trend rose for the eleventh consecutive month, with the rate of increase continuing to weaken.

In original terms there were 3,876 new motor vehicles registered in August 1997, a decrease of 0.5% on July and a 8.6% increase on August 1996. For new passenger vehicles, the leading makes registered in August 1997 were Mitsubishi (728 vehicles), Ford (607), Toyota (528), Holden (483) and Hyundai (233).





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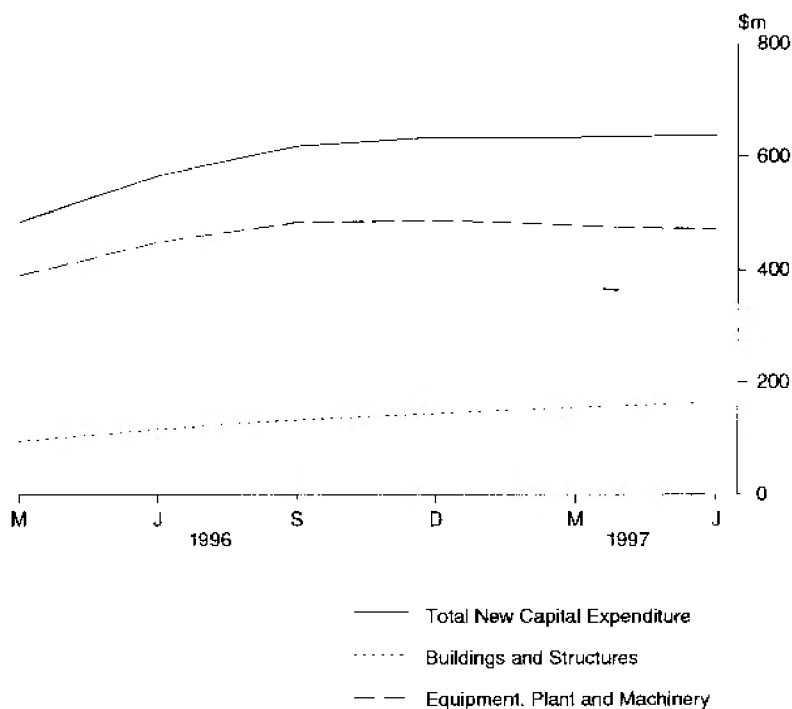
### CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT *continued*

#### Private new capital expenditure

The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure for the June quarter 1997 rose by \$5m (0.8%) to \$639m. Expenditure on buildings increased by 6.4%, while expenditure on equipment fell by 1.3%. The Australian total rose by 2.9%.

Private new capital expenditure in original terms for the June quarter 1997 was \$720m, an increase of 32.1% from the June quarter 1996. Buildings and structures accounted for \$159m, and equipment, plant and machinery \$561m. For the financial year 1996-97, there was a 37.6% increase on the previous year, mainly due to the large capital expenditure by the mining industry, increasing from \$196m to \$488m.

#### TYPE OF ASSET: **Trend**



#### Tourist accommodation

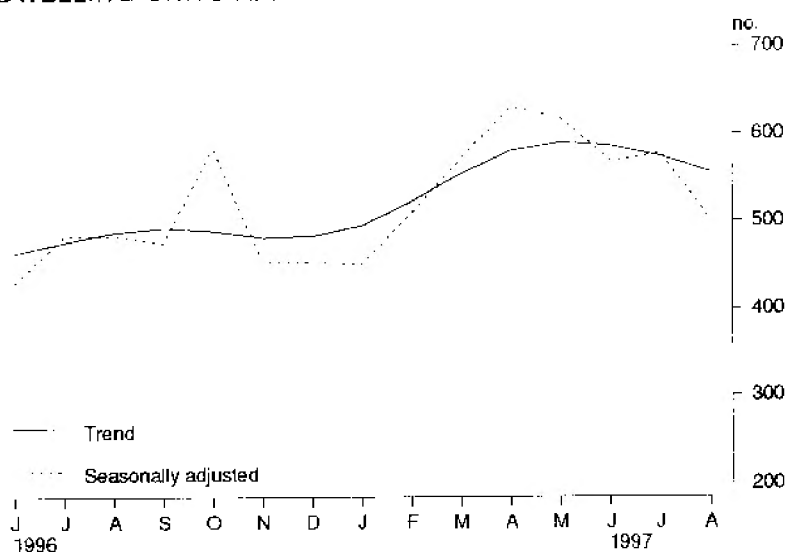
When June quarter 1997 is compared with June quarter 1996, the number of rooms available in hotels, motels and guesthouses in South Australia was largely unchanged, with 10,842 rooms, 23 less than the previous year. The room occupancy rate fell marginally to 51.1%. Takings from accommodation increased by 3.2% from \$39.1m to \$40.4m with the average takings per room night occupied rising from \$77 to \$80.

### PRODUCTION

#### Building approvals

The August 1997 trend estimate for total dwelling units approved fell by 3.1% from the July estimate but was 13.9% higher than August 1996. In original terms, the number of dwelling unit approvals for August 1997 was 568, a 10.4% decrease from the previous month. Of the total, private sector houses accounted for 513 and other residential dwelling units 37.

# DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



The trend estimate of total dwelling units approved for Australia has risen in the last two months, and is 13.7% above the level in August 1996. For private sector house approvals, the trend is relatively flat, having increased by 0.5% over the last four months. In original terms, South Australia accounted for 4.3% of the total dwelling units approved in Australia during August 1997.

The total value of building approved in August 1997 was \$123.2m of which \$49.3m was new residential building and \$63.8m non-residential building. The value of non-residential building fell 34.1% from the previous months high. For August 1997, Factories (\$23.0m), Other business premises (\$13.8m) and Health (\$12.2m) sectors contributed over 70% of the value of non-residential building in South Australia.

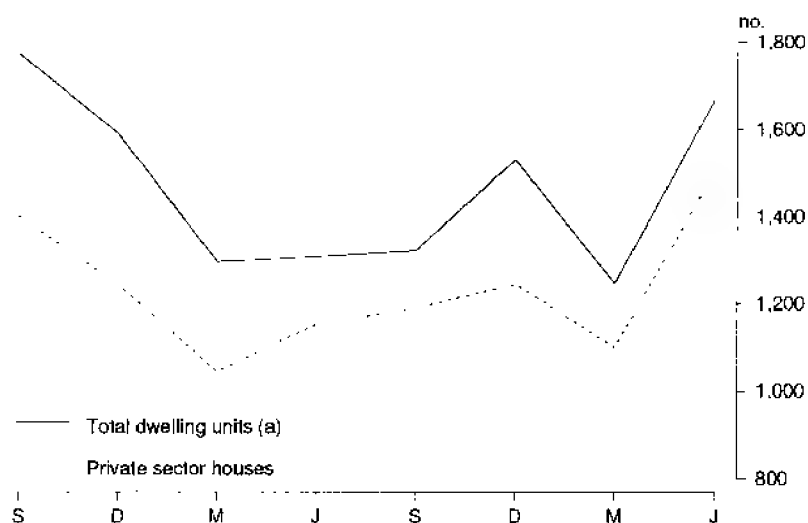
## Building activity

The trend for the number of dwelling units commenced rose by 8.3% in the June quarter 1997. This follows a rise of 6.6% in the March quarter 1997 and was 17.9% above the level of a year ago.

In original terms, 1,670 dwelling units were commenced in the June quarter 1997, an increase of 423 or 33.9% from the previous quarter.

During 1996-97 there were 5,671 total dwellings commenced, a decrease of 4.8% from 1995-96. The number of new houses commenced fell by 1.1% to 5,014 and new other residential dwellings fell by 24.3% to 632.

# DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



(a) Includes conversions

The total value of building work commenced in South Australia during the June quarter 1997 increased by 51.2% to \$383.5m. This can be attributed to increases in both the residential and non-residential sectors of 33.8% and 70.3% respectively.

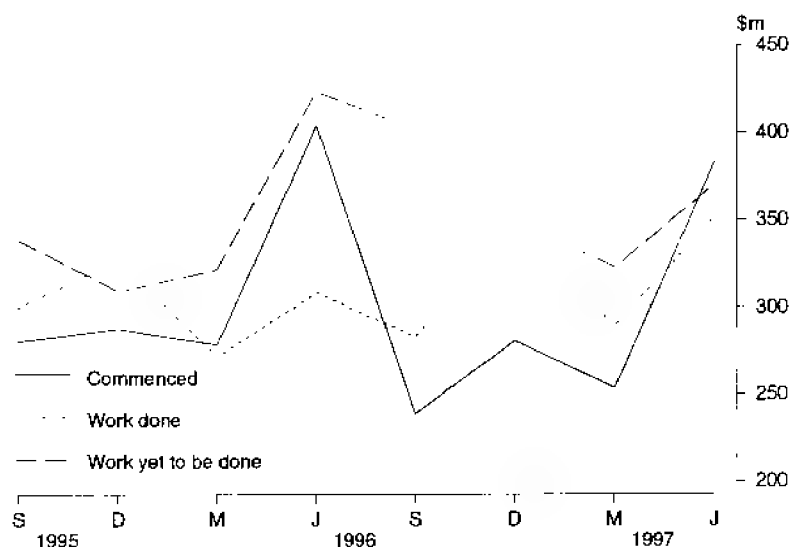
During 1996-97 \$1,157.0m of building work commenced Australia, 7.4% less than the previous year.

For the June quarter 1997, the total value of building work done rose by 21.5% to \$351.4m. Nationally the value of building work done also recorded an increase, rising 45.6% to \$7,124.8m. For 1996-97, \$1,271.7m of building work was done in South Australia, 5.3% more than the previous year.

The total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was \$370.4m, an increase of 14.7% from the previous quarter while the corresponding national figure increased by 1.0%.

Expressed as a proportion of the national total, the total value of building work yet to be done in South Australia was 3.6% for the June quarter 1997 up from the previous quarter.

# VALUE OF BUILDING ACTIVITY



## Engineering construction

The value of engineering construction work done increased by 53.6% to \$307.7m for the June quarter 1997. South Australia had a 7.2% share of the national total of \$4,256.4m. The value of work commenced during the quarter increased by 23.3% to \$309.8m for South Australia while the corresponding national figure increased by 36.9% to \$4,513.7m. The South Australian proportion of national commencements was 6.9% for the June quarter 1997.

## Manufacturing production

Note: The frequency of compilation and publication of Manufacturing Production has been reduced from monthly to quarterly. There is also a reduced range of data items collected on a State basis which impacts on the time series available in tables 15 & 16 of this bulletin. September quarter data will be available in the December issue.

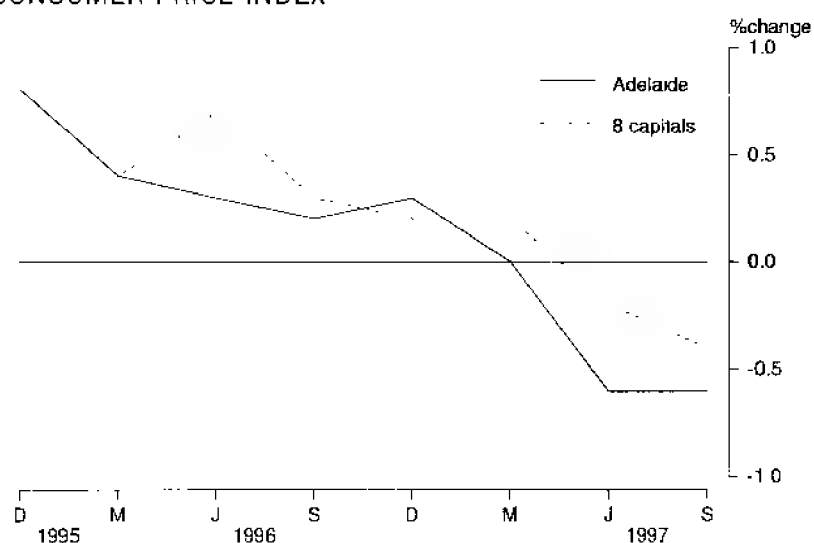
## PRICES

### Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide decreased by 0.6% between the June and September quarters 1997. This was the second consecutive quarterly decrease. Contributing most to the overall decrease for the September quarter were falls in the health and personal care, and housing groups.

The annual movement in the Adelaide index was a decrease of 0.8%.

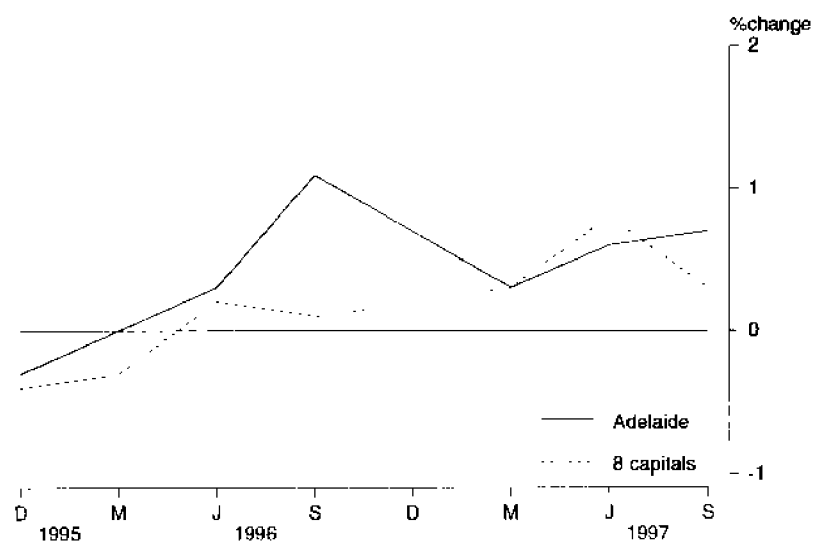
# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



## House building materials index

The Price Index of Materials Used in House Building rose 0.7% in Adelaide for the September quarter 1997. The increase can be attributed to rises in softwood and electrical cable. The weighted average of the six State capitals rose 0.3%.

For the year to September quarter 1997 the index increased 2.3% in Adelaide with the weighted average of the six State capitals increasing 1.5% for the same period.

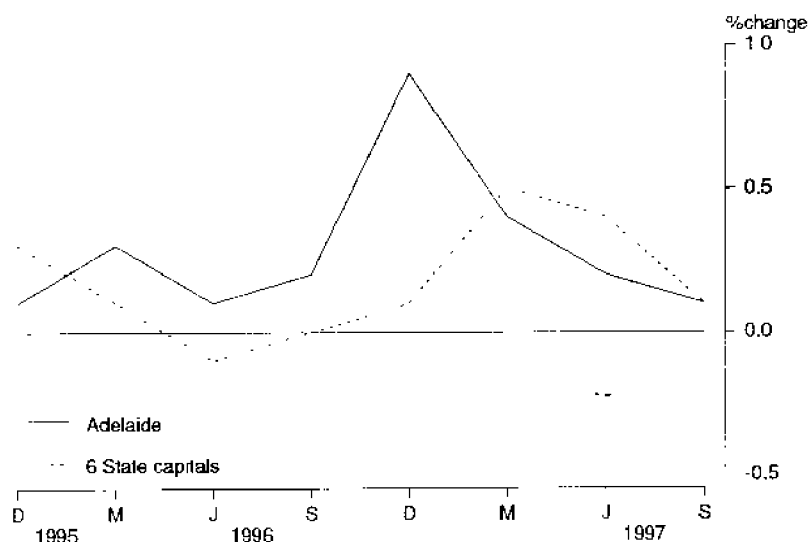


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### Non-house building materials index

A rise of 0.1% in the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building was recorded for the September quarter 1997 in Adelaide. Softwood, non-ferrous pipes and electrical cable were the main contributors to the rise. The weighted average of the six State capitals also rose 0.1% for the quarter.

For the year to September quarter 1997 the index increased 1.5% in Adelaide with the weighted average of the six State capitals increasing 1.2% for the same period.



### House prices indexes

During the June quarter 1997 the Price Index of Established Houses in Adelaide fell by 0.3% and the Project Home Index decreased 0.7%. The weighted average of the eight capital cities index, over the same period showed a 1.3% increase for established houses and no change for project houses.

Over the year to the June quarter 1997 the Established House Price Index for Adelaide rose 1.0% whilst the Project Home Price Index fell by 4.6%. Nationally, the indexes showed a 2.8% increase and a 0.4% decrease respectively.

### Passenger transport cost index

The Passenger Transport Cost Index measures changes in the costs of operating a public transport passenger bus service in Adelaide. Costs covered include labour costs, leasing charges, registration and insurance, repairs and maintenance, fuel and overheads. The index has been compiled on a quarterly basis from September 1995 with a base of 100.0 in 1993-94. The June quarter 1997 index was 108.0, and showed no movement between March and June 1997. The index showed a 3.6% increase in the 12 months to June 1997.

## REVIEW *continued*

### LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

#### Population

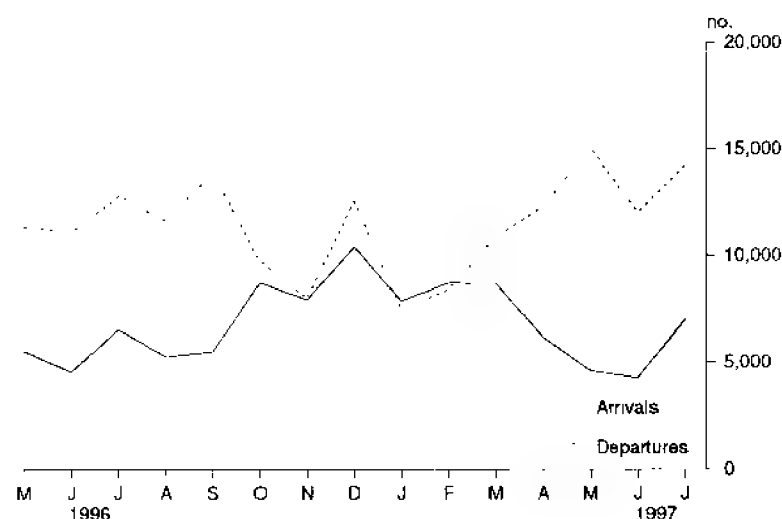
At 31 March 1997 the estimated resident population of South Australia was 1,478,689. This was an increase (1,916) persons from the December quarter. The continuing low growth for South Australia is attributable to an inflow of 1,228 persons, mostly offset by an outflow of 1,192 persons. In the March quarter there was a natural increase of 1,880 persons.

#### Short-term overseas visitor arrivals

In July 1997, there were 6,995 short-term overseas visitor arrivals to South Australia. This represents a 63.8% increase in the total number of short-term visitor arrivals from June 1997 (4,271), and an increase of 6.9% when compared to the same month last year. Australia, when compared to June 1997 and July 1996, also recorded increases in the number of short-term overseas arrivals, up by 10.9% and 28.9% respectively. South Australia's share of overseas visitor arrivals increased to 1.8% in July.

#### Short term resident departures

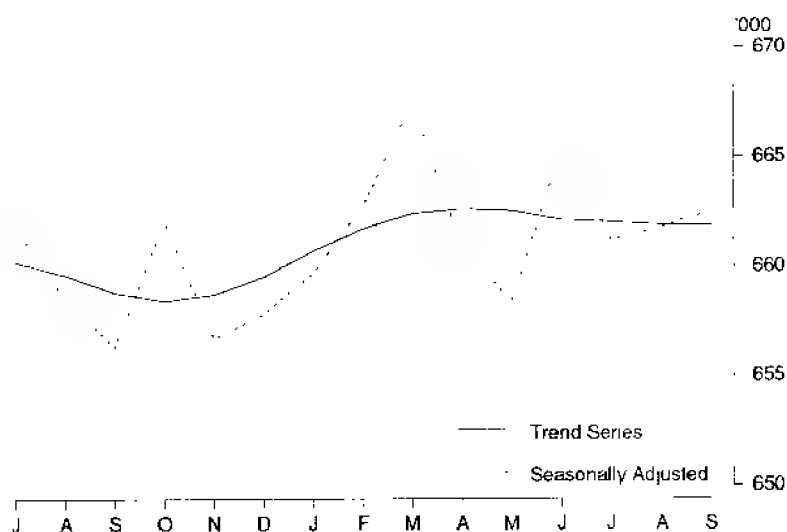
There were 14,233 short term departures overseas from South Australia in July 1997. This is an 18.1% increase on the 12,052 departures in June and a 11.0% on July 1996. Although Australian overseas departures increased by 5.6% when compared to July 1996, a comparison with June 1997 reveals a 11.0% reduction in short term overseas departures. South Australia accounted for 5.7% of all short term resident departures from Australia.



#### Employment

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia was 661,900 in September 1997, slightly higher than the level (658,800) in September 1996. The main contributing factor has been a rise in part-time employment of 0.6% over the past twelve months.

# EMPLOYED PERSONS



## Unemployment

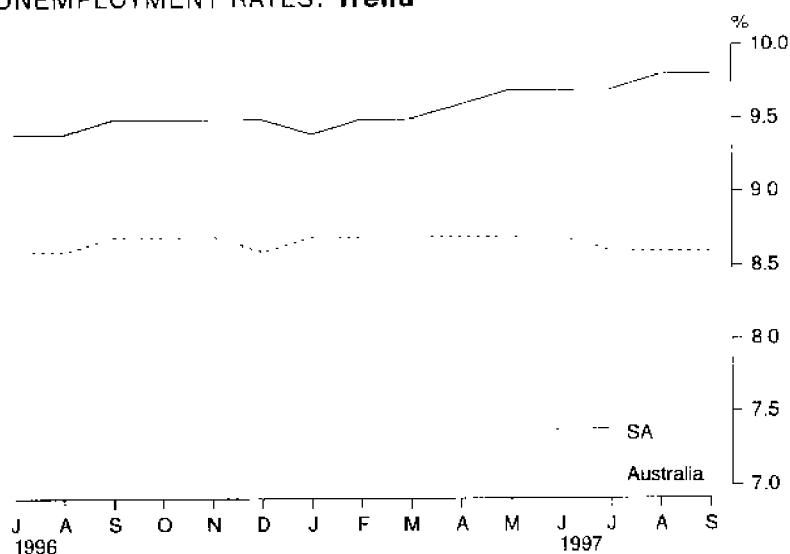
The September trend unemployment rate for South Australia was unchanged at 9.8% and is up on the 9.5% recorded a year earlier.

At September 1997, the median duration of unemployment (one half of all observations lie above this value, and the other half below) was 30 weeks, up from the 25 weeks recorded twelve months ago.

In original terms, the teenage full-time unemployment rate was 31.9% in September 1997, compared with 38.9% in September 1996. Recent levels are much lower than the April 1997 high of 42.7%.

The trend unemployment rate for Australia has remained relatively flat in 1997, reaching 8.6% in September.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: Trend





Overtime

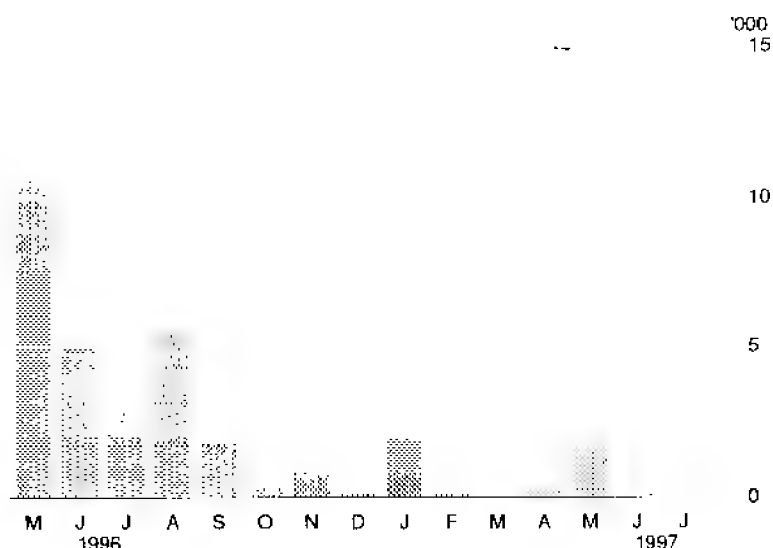
In original terms, the proportion of employees who worked overtime in South Australia in August 1997 was 16.7%. This was considerably higher than the August 1996 estimate of 14.3%.

In August 1997, employees who worked overtime in South Australia recorded an average of 6.0 overtime hours per week. This was lower than the 6.7 overtime hours recorded twelve months earlier.

industrial disputes

There were 200 working days lost through industrial disputes during July 1997. Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory were the only other States/Territories with less industrial disputation. South Australia accounted for less than 1% of the Australian total. The number of working days lost in South Australia for the year ending July 1997 was 12,500 a large decrease from the 34,600 days in the preceding 12 months.

## WORKING DAYS LOST



## INCOMES

## Average weekly earnings

The trend estimate of average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adult male employees in South Australia has increased by 1.6%: up from \$682.30 in February 1997 to \$692.90 in May 1997. For females, the corresponding increase was less pronounced at 0.9%; up from \$579.30 in February 1997 to \$584.40 in May 1997.

Between February 1997 and May 1997, the trend estimate of average weekly total earnings of all employees (including part-time workers) in South Australia rose by 1.3% to \$536.20. Over the same period, the national level increased by 0.5% to \$546.60.

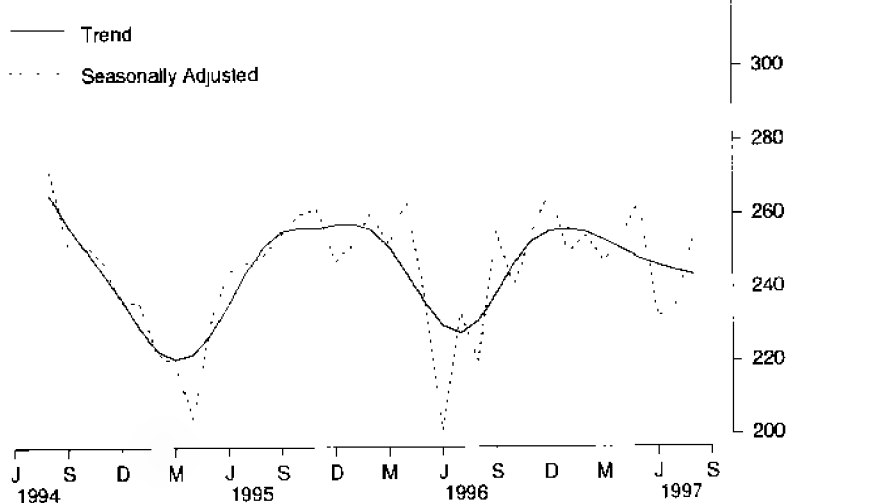
Note: Since it is an average of earnings across all employees, changes in average weekly earnings may occur through changes in employment as well as changes in pay levels.

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In the 12 months to June 1997, the weekly award rates of pay index for full-time

The trend estimate for total dwelling commitments fell by 0.5% to \$243.5m in August.

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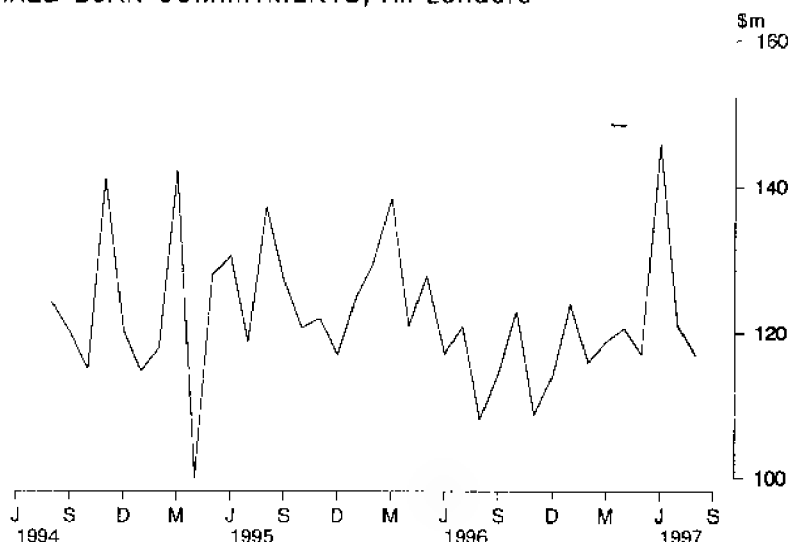
#### Personal finance

Total commitments decreased 26.5% to \$204.6m in August due to the big fall in revolving credit commitments following the high total recorded in July. Nationally, total commitments fell 12.3%, but were 22.9% higher than August 1996.

Total South Australian revolving credit facilities decreased 44.2% to \$87.7m, 22.5% above the previous August. The main decrease was in secured credit facilities, down 50.1% from the record figure in July. Unsecured credit facilities fell 36.9% to \$44.2m following the very high July.

Fixed loan commitments decreased 3.5% to \$116.9m continuing the fall from the record June figure. The largest decrease was for used motor vehicles and station wagons, down 4.1% to \$36.1m, 7.7% below the previous August. Debt consolidation decreased 9.4% to \$12.5m, 15.9% above August 1996. Commitments for individual residential blocks of land increased 11.3% to \$5.1m, 24.3% above the previous August.

#### FIXED LOAN COMMITMENTS, All Lenders



#### Commercial finance

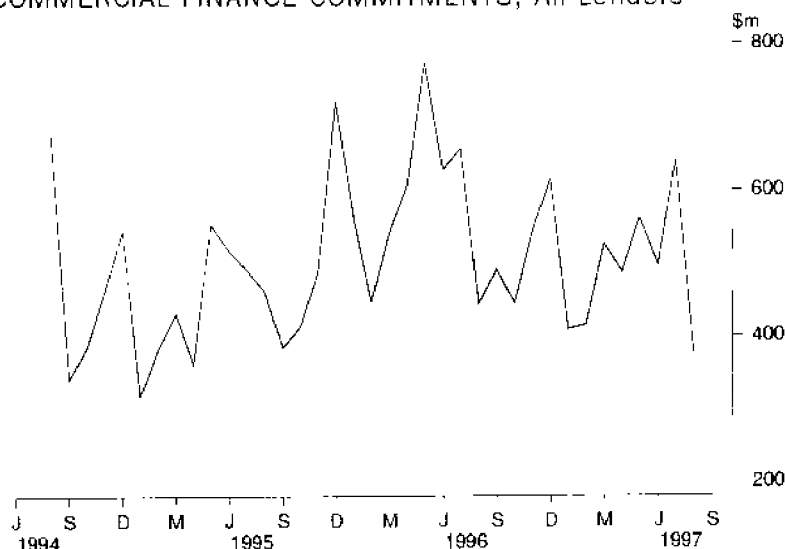
Total commercial finance commitments decreased 41.1% to \$377.0m, the lowest month since April 1995. South Australia's proportion of the national total fell to 2.6%. All the past nine months have been below the corresponding months of the previous year. Nationally commercial finance commitments decreased 9.0% for the month but were 31.5% higher than the previous August.

Commitments under fixed loan facilities decreased 35.7% to \$269.7m, the first monthly decline since January. All categories decreased significantly except wholesale trade and public administration. The main falls, all of which followed high July figures, were agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, down 45.5% to \$32.2m, community services, down 58.2% to \$15.9m, property and business services, down 41.6% to \$30.5m and construction, down 58.3% to \$13.5m.

## FINANCIAL MARKETS *continued*

Revolving credit facilities decreased 51.5% to \$107.2m, 29.0% below August 1996. All categories decreased except wholesale trade. The two main falls were for agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, down 63.6% to \$17.3m and manufacturing, down 53.2% to \$17.7m.

### COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS, All Lenders



### Lease finance

New finance lease commitments continued the downward trend from the June peak, falling 27.1% to \$21.8m but still 15.7% above the previous August. The national total increased 20.8% in August to be 76.3% higher than August 1996.

The main decrease in South Australia was manufacturing equipment, down \$4.7m to \$0.2m following two very high months. New and used motor cars and station wagons not subject to depreciation also decreased significantly, new down 17.7% to \$5.6m and used down 29.9% to \$2.8m. Office machines were the only category to have a large increase, up \$2.7m to \$4.3m, the highest recorded month.

## FORWARD OUTLOOK

### Composite leading indicator

The Composite Leading Indicator (CLI) is a single time series produced by aggregating eight individual economic indicators, and has been developed by the ABS as an experimental series to supplement existing forms of economic analysis and modelling.

The CLI summarises the early signals contained in a selection of economic indicators and is designed to assist the detection of turning points between successive expansions and slow downs of economic activity as measured by constant price GDP(A). It does not attempt to forecast the level of economic activity.

In the June quarter 1997:

- the experimental CLI rose 0.10%, following rises of 0.18% and 0.20% in the December quarter 1996 and March quarter 1997 respectively.

## FORWARD OUTLOOK *continued*

- Of the eight components used in its compilation, five made positive contributions and three made negative contributions to the change in the June quarter 1997. The largest positive contribution continued to come from the production expectations, while the largest negative contribution was again from the (lagged) inverted real interest rate.

The quarterly data are released in more detail in the *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0). The CLI was the topic of the Focus article in the September 1993 edition of *South Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1307.4). A review of the performance of the CLI and its components was published in the July 1997 issue of Cat. no. 1350.0.

### Australian business expectations

Surveys of business expectations have been available to decision makers for a number of years from several sources. These surveys provided *qualitative* indicators in the form of the net proportion of businesses expecting a rise or fall in future business conditions. Since the December quarter 1993, the ABS has been compiling a *quantitative* indicator of business expectations in the form of an expected weighted aggregate change in a range of economic variables. These data are available on a quarterly basis in *Australian Business Expectations* (Cat. no. 5250.0).

### SALES OF GOODS AND SERVICES, South Australia and Australia

| Reference period | SHORT TERM EXPECTED<br>AGGREGATE<br>CHANGE BETWEEN..... |                             | MED.UM TERM<br>EXPECTED AGGREGATE<br>CHANGE BETWEEN..... |                             |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                  | June 1997<br>and<br>Sep 1997                            | Sep 1997<br>and<br>Dec 1997 | June 1997<br>and<br>June 1998                            | Sep 1997<br>and<br>Sep 1998 |
|                  | %   | %                           | %  | %                           |
| South Australia  | 0.0   | 5.1                         | 3.4  | 4.8                         |
| Australia        | 0.7   | 3.0                         | 2.4  | 3.9                         |

**Short term**—Businesses in South Australia expect an increase of 5.1% in sales of goods and services in the December quarter 1997 compared with the September quarter while the Australian expectation was a 3.0% increase. Nationally, sales of goods and services are expected to increase in all industries with the exception of electricity, gas and water which expects a decrease of 1.0%.

**Medium term**—Businesses in South Australia expect sales of goods and services in the September quarter 1998 to be 4.8% above September quarter 1997. The Australian expectation was for 3.9% growth. The South Australian expectation of 4.8% was the largest of all States and Territories.

## FORWARD OUTLOOK *continued*

### Expected new capital expenditure

State estimates of actual new capital expenditure by private businesses in Australia are compiled each quarter. Details appear on page 6, and in tables 1 and 10 of this publication.

Each December businesses in the survey are asked for details of their longer term expectations for capital expenditure by State enabling estimates to be made for periods 6 months and 18 months ahead of the reference period. The collection of expectations in the December quarter survey also allows the derivation of a composite estimate (6 months actual plus 6 months expectations) for that financial year.

The following table shows the forward estimates made with the December 1996 collection.

### SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

|  | 6 months to<br>June 1997 | 1996-97      | 1997-98      |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <i>Selected industries<br/>and type of asset</i> | \$m                      | \$m          | \$m          |
| Mining   | 140                      | 280          | 228          |
| Manufacturing                                    | 642                      | 1 051        | 702          |
| Other  | 502                      | 1 240        | 857          |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                         | <b>1 284</b>             | <b>2 571</b> | <b>1 787</b> |
| Buildings etc.                                   | 302                      | 596          | 511          |
| Equipment etc.                                   | 982                      | 1 975        | 1 276        |

Once actual expenditure for a financial year is known, it is useful to investigate the relationship between previous expectations and the expenditure that was actually incurred. The resultant realisation ratios (subsequent actual expenditure divided by expected expenditure) then indicates how much expenditure was actually incurred against the amount expected to be incurred at various times of reporting.

Realisation ratios provide an important tool in understanding and interpreting statistics for future periods. The application of realisation ratios enables the adjustment of expectation data for known under (or over) realisation patterns in the past and hence provides a valid basis for comparison with other expectation data and actual expenditure estimates.

The following table shows the average realisation ratios over the past four years for the composite estimate (6 months actual and 6 months expected) and the 12 month expectation from the December quarter surveys.

# REVIEW *continued*

## FORWARD OUTLOOK *continued*

### REALISATION RATIOS OF NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

| <i>Selected industries<br/>and type of asset</i> | <i>Composite<br/>estimate</i> | <i>12 month<br/>expectation</i> |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mining   | 0.88                          | 1.18                            |
| Manufacturing                                    | 0.97                          | 1.06                            |
| Other  | 0.98                          | 1.58                            |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                         | <b>0.96</b>                   | <b>1.25</b>                     |
| Buildings etc.                                   | 0.96                          | 1.53                            |
| Equipment etc.                                   | 0.96                          | 1.19                            |

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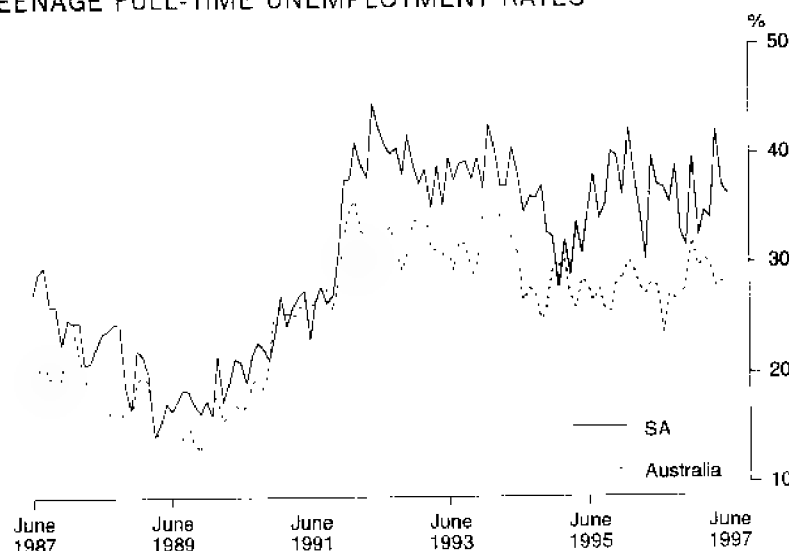
## INTRODUCTION

The labour force characteristics of teenagers, both unemployed and employed, have generated considerable public interest. Over recent years, teenage unemployment rates have been much higher than the overall total. Furthermore, teenage employment patterns differ from those of older people. Teenagers are less likely to have made long-term career decisions, often mixing part-time work with study or other activities. Nevertheless, such transitory activities can impact on future employment opportunities as young people acquire technical knowledge and work experience. The following article examines the South Australian labour force of 15–19 year olds, in terms of recent unemployment trends and the main occupations and industries which employ them.

## RECENT TRENDS IN TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT

Over the past decade, the South Australian teenage full-time unemployment rate has consistently exceeded the national level. It has risen markedly from 27.3% in June 1987 to 36.2% in June 1997 while the corresponding increase for Australia has been less pronounced; up from 21.9% to 28.4%. Increasing teenage unemployment rates can be attributed to many factors: for example, the tendency for labour force growth to exceed the rate of job creation. A decline in traditional full-time employment, particularly within Manufacturing (where total Australian employment has fallen by 13.6% in the past decade) may also have reduced employment possibilities for some young school leavers.

## TEENAGE FULL-TIME UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0).

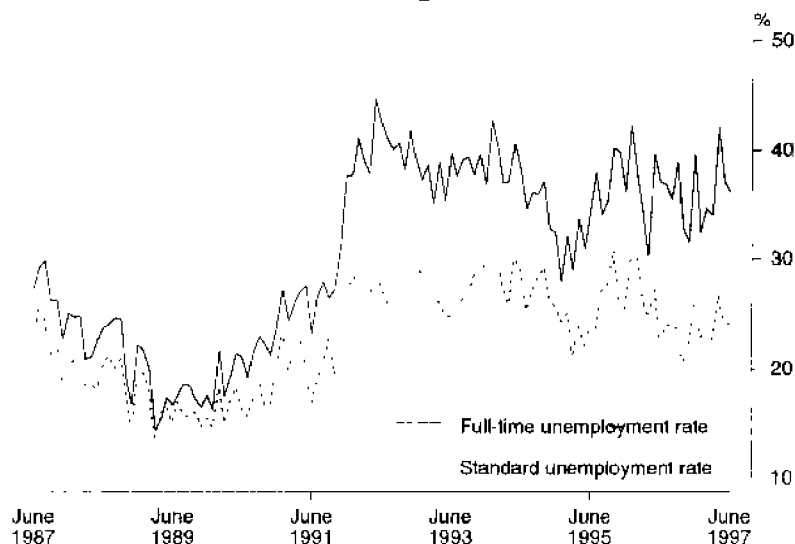
Results from the supplementary survey "Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons", show that 15–19 year olds cite their main difficulties in finding work as: too many applicants (14.5%), insufficient work experience (14.3%), no vacancies at all (14.0%) and a lack of necessary skills or education (13.1%).



## ALTERNATE MEASURES OF TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT

The effect of including the teenage part-time labour force in the calculation of the unemployment rate can be seen if we compare the standard rate (which includes both full-time and part-time) with the full-time rate. The standard rate is consistently lower, for example 24.3% compared with 36.2% at June 1997. Prior to 1991, the two series were much closer. The recent divergence suggests that full-time jobs have become scarce and employment patterns could be shifting toward part-time jobs.

## TEENAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



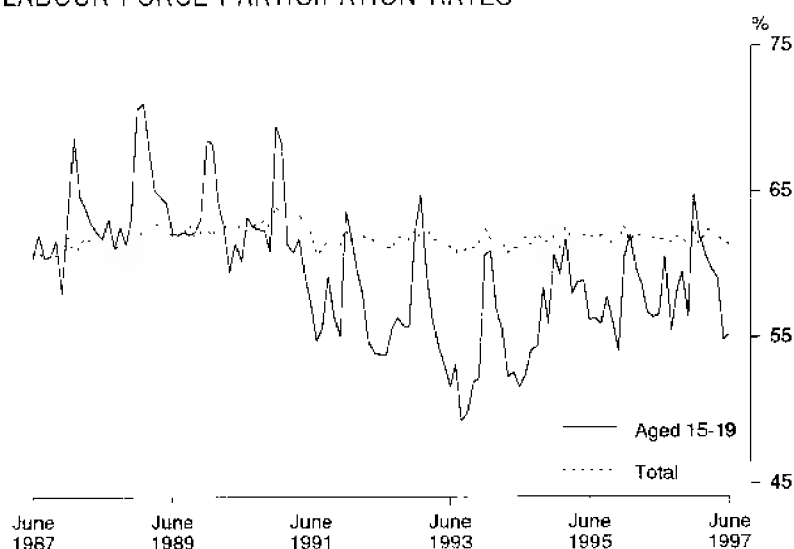
## PARTICIPATION RATE

The unemployment rate should be considered in conjunction with labour force participation rates. At the 1996 Census, 45.4% of all 15–19 year olds in South Australia were not in the labour force; they were either attending school or tertiary institutions on a full-time basis.

In June 1997, the labour force participation rate for 15–19 year olds in South Australia was 55.2%, compared with 62.1% for the total population. As indicated by the graph, the teenage participation rate began to fall consistently below the State level in 1991, reaching a decade low of 49.3% in August 1993.

Although still fluctuating from month to month, the teenage labour force participation rate has generally risen in recent times. In contrast, the total participation rate has remained relatively flat.

## LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES



Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0)

## EMPLOYED TEENAGERS

At the 1996 Census almost 35,000 people aged 15–19 years were working, representing 5.9% of total employment in South Australia. This was a relatively low share, given that 15–19 year olds comprised 8.4% of the working-age population. Of those South Australian teenagers who worked, 50.3% were female.

Only 37.0% of all employed teenagers worked full-time. The majority (63.0%) worked part-time, between 1 to 34 hours a week. Males were more likely to have full-time jobs, with 48.4% in this category. In contrast, only 25.7% of employed females worked full-time.

From another perspective, 51.6% of all employed teenage males worked part-time, much lower than the corresponding female proportion of 74.3%.

Part-time work allows some teenagers the opportunity to earn income whilst pursuing study or other interests. However, for those who finish their education early and are actively seeking full-time work, it can represent an underutilisation of their labour. In June 1997, 30.4% (8,400 persons) of all part-time employed teenagers (27,600) were underemployed; that is, they wanted to work extra hours, if those hours were made available.

## INDUSTRY

The service industries, in particular retail, accommodation, cafes and restaurants, have become increasingly important for State employment growth. These industries tend to operate on a flexible, seven day trading basis and are key employers of teenagers, particularly on a part-time or casual basis. At the 1996 Census, Retail trade was the major industry employing 15–19 year olds in South Australia, accounting for 55.8% of all part-time employed males and 61.3% of part-time employed females.

## INDUSTRY *continued*

Manufacturing was the major full-time employer of 15–19 year old males, (30.6%), while Retail trade was prominent for females (23.3%).

National results mirrored those of South Australia, with Retail trade being the prime employing industry for teenage workers. The following table summarises the main employing industries for teenagers in South Australia.

### EMPLOYED PERSONS 15–19 YEARS, Selected Industries

| Industry                             | MALES..... |           | FEMALES..... |           |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
|                                      | Full-time  | Part-time | Full-time    | Part-time |
|                                      | %          | %         | %            | %         |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing    | 9.4        | 3.5       | 2.6          | 1.0       |
| Manufacturing                        | 30.6       | 6.7       | 10.2         | 3.6       |
| Construction                         | 9.8        | 2.7       | 1.8          | 0.3       |
| Wholesale trade                      | 8.1        | 3.3       | 5.5          | 1.7       |
| Retail trade                         | 21.6       | 55.8      | 23.3         | 61.3      |
| Accommodation, cafes and restaurants | 3.7        | 12.3      | 7.0          | 14.6      |
| Property and business services       | 3.5        | 3.6       | 12.6         | 2.9       |
| Health and community services        | 1.0        | 2.0       | 8.4          | 5.3       |
| Cultural and recreational services   | 11.1       | 4.0       | 2.2          | 2.8       |
| Personal and other services          | 1.6        | 2.1       | 9.8          | 2.9       |
| Other                                | —          | 4.0       | (a)16.6      | 3.6       |
| Total(b)                             | 100.0      | 100.0     | 100.0        | 100.0     |

(a) Mainly Finance and insurance and Government administration and defence

(b) Excludes employed persons who did not state industry or were not at work during Census week

## OCCUPATION

Despite the compositional change in employment, with a gradual move towards part-time and service industry work, teenagers reflect the traditional gender pattern for occupations, with males predominantly working in the trade occupations and females in the clerical, service or sales oriented positions. This pattern is evident for both full-time and part-time employment.

At the 1996 Census, 42.8% of full-time employed males aged 15–19 were Tradespersons and related workers while 32.0% of part-time employed males were Labourers and related workers. In contrast, 37.4% of full-time employed females were classified as Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers, while 56.9% of part-time employed females were Elementary clerical, sales or service workers. Nationally, the same occupations were prominent with only the employment distributions differing marginally. The key male occupations were Tradespersons and related workers (45.7%) and Labourers and related workers (34.2%) for full-time and part-time work respectively.

**OCCUPATION** *continued*

Only 1.7% of teenagers were classified as Professionals, increasing to 11.2% for the 20–24 age group and 17.7% for 30–34 year olds. Elementary clerical, sales and service workers accounted for 31.9% of all employed teenagers, and this decreased to 13.1% for the 20–24 age group, with continuing reductions as age increased. More generally, there was a high representation of young people in the lower skilled occupations, whereas middle-aged (and older) people tended to work in more highly skilled positions, for example, as Professionals and Managers. This pattern is not surprising given the lack of training, qualifications and work experience of most teenagers.

**EMPLOYED PERSONS 15–19 YEARS, Selected Occupations**

| Occupation                                     | MALES.....   |              | FEMALES..... |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Full-time    | Part-time    | Full-time    | Part-time    |
|  | %            | %            | %            | %            |
| Associated professionals                       | 3.2          | 3.8          | 5.3          | 2.1          |
| Tradespersons and related workers              | 42.8         | 5.5          | 13.0         | 1.1          |
| Advanced clerical and service workers          | 0.2          | 0.3          | —            | 0.9          |
| Intermediate clerical and service workers      | 5.7          | 8.6          | 37.4         | 21.2         |
| Intermediate production and transport workers  | 12.5         | 22.2         | 2.8          | 4.2          |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 6.4          | 25.3         | 21.5         | 56.9         |
| Labourers and related workers                  | 24.4         | 32.0         | 8.2          | 11.9         |
| Other  | 4.8          | 2.3          | 3.5          | 1.7          |
| <i>Total</i>                                   | <i>100.0</i> | <i>100.0</i> | <i>100.0</i> | <i>100.0</i> |

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY**

There is much interest in Information Technology (IT) as a future source of jobs. However, at the 1996 Census only 263 teenagers in South Australia and 1,689 teenagers in Australia were employed in IT areas: 2.0% of total IT employment in South Australia and 2.3% in Australia.

A possible explanation is that IT requires highly specialised labour; for example, staff with extensive tertiary training in computer programming or software design. However, most 15–19 year olds are unlikely to have completed such specialised study. Hence IT is more likely to be a prospective employer of people aged in their twenties or older.

**CONCLUSION**

With continuing trends toward part-time and service industry work, current teenage employment patterns are likely to continue. In addition, young South Australians are choosing to prolong their studies. The proportion of 15–19 year olds involved in tertiary education has more than doubled, from 8.8% in February 1987 to 19.5% a decade later.

## FOCUS — South Australian Teenage Labour Force Experience *continued*

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ABS, *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0) monthly.

### GLOSSARY

|                                     |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Full-time workers                   | Persons aged 15 and over who usually work 35 hours or more a week.  |
| Participation rate                  | For any group, the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 and over in the same group.  |
| Part-time workers                   | Persons aged 15 and over who usually work 1 to 34 hours a week.   |
| Persons not in the labour force     | People aged 15 and over who are neither employed nor unemployed.  |
| Standard teenage unemployment rate  | The number of unemployed 15–19 year olds expressed as a proportion of the teenage labour force.   |
| Teenage full-time unemployment rate | The number of 15–19 year olds looking for full-time work, expressed as a proportion of the full-time labour force for the same age group.   |
| Teenage labour force                | Sum of employed and unemployed persons aged 15 to 19 years.   |
| Working-age population              | Persons aged 15 and over.   |
| Information Technology industry     | Includes the following industry classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Computer and business machine manufacturing</li> <li>▪ Electronic equipment manufacturing n.e.c.</li> <li>▪ Electric cable and wire manufacturing</li> <li>▪ Telecommunication, broadcasting and receiving equipment manufacturing</li> <li>▪ Computer wholesaling</li> <li>▪ Business machine wholesaling</li> <li>▪ Electrical and electronic equipment wholesaling n.e.c.</li> <li>▪ Telecommunication services</li> <li>▪ Data processing services</li> <li>▪ Information storage and retrieval services</li> <li>▪ Computer maintenance services</li> <li>▪ Computer consultancy services</li> </ul> |

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| Indicator   | Unit      | Period      | Number  | % change<br>from..... |                                    | % change from ..... |                                    |                             |     | Source<br>index |
|---|-----------|-------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-----------------|
|   |           |             |         | Previous<br>period    | Same<br>period<br>previous<br>year | Previous<br>period  | Same<br>period<br>previous<br>year | SA<br>as a<br>% of<br>Aust. |     |                 |
|   |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| State accounts  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Gross domestic product (I)  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Current prices  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 9 006   | 4.3                   | 3.2                                | 128 419             | 4.5                                | 5.0                         | 7.0 | 1               |
| 1989-90 prices trend  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 7 662   | -0.5                  | -0.2                               | 112 600             | 0.6                                | 2.6                         | 6.8 | 1               |
| Wages, salaries and supplements                                     |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Current prices trend  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 4 492   | -0.2                  | 2.2                                | 65 018              | 0.6                                | 5.6                         | 6.9 | 1               |
| Private final consumption expenditure                               |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Current prices  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 5 776   | 4.2                   | 1.9                                | 79 087              | 4.3                                | 3.7                         | 7.3 | 1               |
| 1989-90 prices trend  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 4 968   | 0.7                   | 1.2                                | 67 724              | 0.7                                | 2.4                         | 7.3 | 1               |
| Private gross fixed capital expenditure                             |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| 1989-90 prices trend  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 1 135   | 1.5                   | 9.9                                | 20 942              | 3.1                                | 8.6                         | 5.4 | 1               |
| International accounts  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Exports   | \$m       | Aug 97      | 416.6   | 0.3                   | 17.7                               | 6 860.7             | 1.2                                | 12.8                        | 6.1 | 2               |
| Imports   | \$m       | Aug 97      | 306.0   | -18.8                 | -0.5                               | 7 054.9             | -4.9                               | 4.4                         | 4.3 | 2               |
| Consumption and investment  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Retail turnover   |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Current prices original   | \$m       | Aug 97      | 777.8   | -3.3                  | -0.1                               | 10 727.2            | -1.5                               | 2.1                         | 7.3 | 3               |
| Current prices trend  | \$m       | Aug 97      | 814.4   | 0.7                   | 3.0                                | 11 087.2            | 0.6                                | 4.3                         | 7.3 | 3               |
| 1989-90 prices original   | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 1 909.2 | 3.5                   | -1.7                               | 26 207.4            | 2.4                                | 0.8                         | 7.3 | 3               |
| New motor vehicle registrations                                     |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Original  | no.       | Aug 97      | 3 876   | -0.5                  | 8.6                                | 57 583              | -7.3                               | 5.9                         | 6.7 | 4               |
| Trend   | no.       | Aug 97      | 3 855   | 0.0                   | 13.8                               | 59 052              | 0.3                                | 10.9                        | 6.5 | 4               |
| Private new capital expenditure                                     |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Current prices original   | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 720     | 38.2                  | 32.1                               | 11 771              | 18.2                               | -3.1                        | 6.1 | 6               |
| Current prices trend  | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 639     | 0.8                   | 12.9                               | 11 197              | 1.7                                | 3.4                         | 5.7 | 6               |
| Private new capital expenditure                                     | \$m       | 1996-97     | 2 577   | .                     | 37.6                               | 43 714              | ..                                 | 8.0                         | 5.9 | 6               |
| Takings, licensed hotels, motels<br>and guesthouses with facilities | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 40.4    | -6.2                  | 3.2                                | 853.2               | -7.6                               | 2.1                         | 4.7 | 5               |
| Production  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Dwelling unit approvals   |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Original  | no.       | Aug 97      | 568     | -10.4                 | 3.8                                | 13 279              | 3.8                                | 16.6                        | 4.3 | 7               |
| Trend   | no.       | Aug 97      | 556     | -3.1                  | 13.9                               | 12 071              | 0.7                                | 13.7                        | 4.6 | 7               |
| New dwelling units commenced  | no.       | Jun qtr 97  | 1 597   | 30.7                  | 22.2                               | 32 458              | 3.0                                | 4.3                         | 4.9 | 8a              |
| Value of non-residential building<br>approvals                      | \$m       | Aug 97      | 63.8    | -49.0                 | 4.8                                | 1 368.4             | -16.8                              | 20.5                        | 4.7 | 7               |
| Value of total building activity                                    |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Commenced   | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 383.5   | 51.2                  | -5.0                               | 7 015.2             | 0.1                                | 4.5                         | 5.5 | 8               |
| Work done   | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 351.4   | 21.5                  | 13.9                               | 7 124.8             | 4.6                                | 7.1                         | 4.9 | 8               |
| Work yet to be done   | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 370.4   | 14.7                  | -12.5                              | 10 387.8            | 1.0                                | 11.2                        | 3.6 | 8               |
| Value of engineering construction<br>work done                      | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 307.7   | 53.6                  | 36.0                               | 4,256.4             | 26.4                               | 3.3                         | 7.2 | 9               |
| Manufacturing production  |           |             |         |                       |                                    |                     |                                    |                             |     |                 |
| Electricity (SA and NT)   | mill. kWh | June 97     | 806     | -5.2                  | 2.3                                | 14 938              | 3.2                                | 4.0                         | 5.4 | 10              |
| Red meat  | tonnes    | Aug 97      | 13 964  | -9.7                  | 9.9                                | 227 973             | -8.3                               | 8.8                         | 6.1 | 11              |
| Mineral exploration expenditure<br>(other than for petroleum)       | \$m       | June qtr 97 | 21.0    | 191.7                 | 208.8                              | 355.6               | 50.9                               | 24.8                        | 5.9 | 12              |

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| Indicator  | Unit                   | Period      | Number  | Previous period | Same period previous year | Number   | Previous period | Same period previous year | SA as a % of Aust. | Source index |
| *****  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| <b>Prices</b>  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| CPI - All groups   | 1989-90=100            | Sep qtr 97  | 121.2   | -0.6            | -0.8                      | 119.7    | -0.4            | -0.3                      | ..                 | 13           |
| Price index of materials used in house building                  | 1989-90=100            | Sep qtr 97  | 122.4   | 0.7             | 2.3                       | 117.3    | 0.3             | 1.5                       | ..                 | 14           |
| Price index of materials used in building other than houses      | 1989-90=100            | Sep qtr 97  | 114.8   | 0.1             | 1.5                       | 114.0    | 0.1             | 1.2                       | ..                 | 15           |
| Price index of established houses                                | 1989-90=100            | June qtr 97 | 109.0   | -0.3            | 1.0                       | 116.8    | 1.3             | 2.8                       | ..                 | 16           |
| Price index of project homes                                     | 1989-90=100            | June qtr 97 | 106.9   | -0.7            | -4.6                      | 109.2    | 0.0             | -0.4                      | ..                 | 16           |
| <b>Labour force and demography</b>                               |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Population (resident at end qtr)                                 | '000                   | Mar qtr 97  | 1 478.7 | 0.1             | 0.5                       | 18 492.0 | 0.4             | 1.3                       | 8.0                | 17           |
| Short-term overseas visitors arrivals                            | no.                    | July 97     | 6 995   | 63.8            | 6.9                       | 397 358  | 28.9            | 10.9                      | 1.8                | 21           |
| Short-term resident departures                                   | no.                    | July 97     | 14 233  | 18.1            | 11.0                      | 249 287  | -11.0           | 5.6                       | 5.7                | 21           |
| <b>Labour force</b>  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Original   | '000                   | Sep 97      | 737.4   | 1.4             | 1.1                       | 9 319.4  | 2.6             | 1.0                       | 7.9                | 18           |
| Trend  | '000                   | Sep 97      | 733.4   | 0.0             | 0.7                       | 9 208.7  | 0.1             | 0.5                       | 8.0                | 18           |
| <b>Employed persons</b>  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Original   | '000                   | Sep 97      | 665.2   | 0.9             | 0.9                       | 8 526.4  | 2.5             | 1.1                       | 7.8                | 18           |
| Trend  | '000                   | Sep 97      | 661.9   | 0.0             | 0.5                       | 8 415.4  | 0.1             | 0.5                       | 7.9                | 18           |
| <b>Participation rate</b>  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Original(a)  | %                      | Sep 97      | 62.2    | 0.9             | 0.3                       | 63.8     | 1.6             | -0.3                      | ..                 | 18           |
| Trend(a)   | %                      | Sep 97      | 61.8    | -0.1            | 0.0                       | 63.0     | -0.1            | -0.6                      | ..                 | 18           |
| <b>Unemployment rate</b>   |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Original(a)  | %                      | Sep 97      | 9.8     | 0.5             | 0.1                       | 8.5      | 0.1             | -0.2                      | ..                 | 18           |
| Trend(a)   | %                      | Sep 97      | 9.8     | 0.0             | 0.3                       | 8.6      | 0.0             | -0.1                      | ..                 | 18           |
| Job vacancies  | '000                   | Aug 97      | 4.8     | 60.0            | -4.0                      | 69.3     | 19.3            | 9.1                       | 6.9                | 19           |
| Average weekly overtime per employee working overtime            | hours                  | Aug 97      | 6.0     | -11.3           | -10.0                     | 6.6      | -6.8            | -3.4                      | ..                 | 19           |
| Industrial disputes  | '000 working days lost | July 97     | 0.2     | 100.0           | -92.9                     | 38.7     | 30.7            | -73.5                     | 0.5                | 20           |
| <b>Incomes</b>   |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| <b>Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)</b> |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Original   | \$                     | May 97      | 655.7   | 0.9             | 3.5                       | 696.6    | 0.4             | 3.6                       | ..                 | 22           |
| Trend  | \$                     | May 97      | 656.2   | 1.2             | 4.0                       | 696.7    | 0.7             | 3.8                       | ..                 | 22           |
| Award rates of pay index (full-time adults; weekly)              | Jun 1985=100           | June 97     | 151.8   | 0.4             | 1.4                       | 149.2    | 0.2             | 1.4                       | ..                 | 23           |
| <b>Financial markets</b>   |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Secured housing finance  | \$m                    | Aug 97      | 261.5   | 2.8             | 10.9                      | 4 674.8  | -5.2            | 7.2                       | 5.6                | 24           |
| <b>Finance commitments</b>                                       |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Personal   | \$m                    | Aug 97      | 204.6   | -26.5           | 13.8                      | 3 413.2  | -12.3           | 22.9                      | 6.0                | 25           |
| Commercial   | \$m                    | Aug 97      | 377.0   | -41.1           | -15.1                     | 14 541.9 | -9.0            | 31.5                      | 2.6                | 25           |
| Lease  | \$m                    | Aug 97      | 21.8    | -27.2           | 15.7                      | 1 041.8  | 20.8            | 76.3                      | 2.1                | 25           |
| <b>Interest rates</b>  |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Banks new housing loans(a)                                       | %                      | Sep 97      | ..      | ..              | ..                        | 6.70     | 0.0             | -2.6                      | ..                 | 26           |
| <b>Banks business loans(a)</b>                                   |                        |             |         |                 |                           |          |                 |                           |                    |              |
| Small, medium sized business                                     | %                      | Sep 97      | ..      | ..              | ..                        | 8.80     | 0.0             | -2.0                      | ..                 | 26           |
| Large business   | %                      | Sep 97      | ..      | ..              | ..                        | 8.45     | 0.0             | -1.8                      | ..                 | 26           |

(a) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

|  | FINAL<br>CONSUMPTION<br>EXPENDITURE.... |        | GROSS FIXED<br>CAPITAL<br>EXPENDITURE.... |        |                          |                            |                                       |
|--|---|--------|---|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|  |   |        |   |        | State<br>final<br>demand | Gross State<br>product (1) | Wages,<br>salaries and<br>supplements |
| Period   | Private                                 | Public | Private                                   | Public |                          |                            |                                       |
| ANNUAL (\$m)                                   |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| 1991-92  | 18 958                                  | 5 812  | 4 021                                     | 1 429  | 30 220                   | 28 719                     | 14 718                                |
| 1992-93  | 19 493                                  | 5 969  | 3 980                                     | 1 372  | 30 814                   | 29 989                     | 15 131                                |
| 1993-94  | 20 400                                  | 6 654  | 4 019                                     | 1 150  | 32 223                   | 32 057                     | 16 351                                |
| 1994-95  | 21 579                                  | 6 698  | 4 933                                     | 1 230  | 34 440                   | 33 437                     | 16 707                                |
| 1995-96  | 22 787                                  | 6 734  | 4 236                                     | 1 073  | 34 830                   | 35 457                     | 17 422                                |
| 1996-97  | 23 094                                  | 6 858  | 4 703                                     | 1 165  | 35 820                   | 36 023                     | 17 899                                |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR           |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| 1991-92  | 4.6                                     | 6.1    | -5.0                                      | -6.5   | 2.9                      | 1.0                        | -0.2                                  |
| 1992-93  | 2.8                                     | 2.7    | -1.0                                      | -4.0   | 2.0                      | 4.4                        | 2.8                                   |
| 1993-94  | 4.7                                     | 11.5   | 1.0                                       | -16.2  | 4.6                      | 6.9                        | 8.1                                   |
| 1994-95  | 5.8                                     | 0.7    | 22.7                                      | 7.0    | 6.9                      | 4.3                        | 2.2                                   |
| 1995-96  | 5.6                                     | 0.5    | -14.1                                     | -12.8  | 1.1                      | 6.0                        | 4.3                                   |
| 1996-97  | 1.3                                     | 1.8    | 11.0                                      | 8.6    | 2.8                      | 1.6                        | 2.7                                   |
| QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)                      |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| March  | 5 464                                   | 1 616  | 919                                       | 278    | 8 277                    | 8 473                      | 4 234                                 |
| June   | 5 667                                   | 1 716  | 1 118                                     | 366    | 8 867                    | 8 724                      | 4 425                                 |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| September                                      | 5 716                                   | 1 694  | 1 143                                     | 226    | 8 779                    | 8 534                      | 4 416                                 |
| December                                       | 6 057                                   | 1 725  | 1 263                                     | 271    | 9 316                    | 9 849                      | 4 605                                 |
| March  | 5 544                                   | 1 592  | 1 013                                     | 332    | 8 481                    | 8 634                      | 4 381                                 |
| June   | 5 776                                   | 1 847  | 1 284                                     | 336    | 9 243                    | 9 006                      | 4 497                                 |
| QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)                         |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| March  | 5 699                                   | 1 687  | 1 064                                     | 275    | 8 725                    | 8 909                      | 4 371                                 |
| June   | 5 711                                   | 1 678  | 1 106                                     | 276    | 8 771                    | 8 894                      | 4 395                                 |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| September                                      | 5 732                                   | 1 680  | 1 130                                     | 296    | 8 838                    | 8 909                      | 4 443                                 |
| December                                       | 5 761                                   | 1 700  | 1 150                                     | 310    | 8 921                    | 8 976                      | 4 490                                 |
| March  | 5 789                                   | 1 718  | 1 169                                     | 301    | 8 977                    | 9 049                      | 4 502                                 |
| June   | 5 832                                   | 1 726  | 1 208                                     | 271    | 9 037                    | 9 116                      | 4 492                                 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| March  | 0.2                                     | -1.3   | 1.9                                       | 4.6    | 0.2                      | 0.5                        | 0.5                                   |
| June   | 0.2                                     | -0.5   | 3.9                                       | 0.4    | 0.5                      | -0.2                       | 0.5                                   |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                 |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |                                       |
| September                                      | 0.4                                     | 0.1    | 2.2                                       | 7.2    | 0.8                      | 0.2                        | 1.1                                   |
| December                                       | 0.5                                     | 1.2    | 1.8                                       | 4.7    | 0.9                      | 0.8                        | 1.1                                   |
| March  | 0.5                                     | 1.1    | 1.7                                       | -2.9   | 0.6                      | 0.8                        | 0.3                                   |
| June   | 0.7                                     | 0.5    | 3.3                                       | -10.0  | 0.7                      | 0.7                        | -0.2                                  |



## STATE ACCOUNTS AT AVERAGE 1989-90 PRICES

|  | FINAL<br>CONSUMPTION<br>EXPENDITURE.... |        | GROSS FIXED<br>CAPITAL<br>EXPENDITURE.... |        |                          |                            |
|--|---|--------|---|--------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |   |        |   |        | State<br>final<br>demand | Gross State<br>product (1) |
| Period   | Private                                 | Public | Private                                   | Public |                          |                            |
| ANNUAL (\$m)                                   |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| 1991-92  | 17 447                                  | 5 328  | 3 849                                     | 1 364  | 27 988                   | 27 023                     |
| 1992-93  | 17 491                                  | 5 358  | 3 696                                     | 1 292  | 27 837                   | 28 077                     |
| 1993-94  | 18 045                                  | 5 668  | 3 653                                     | 1 082  | 28 448                   | 29 004                     |
| 1994-95  | 18 908                                  | 5 758  | 4 496                                     | 1 155  | 30 317                   | 29 226                     |
| 1995-96  | 19 618                                  | 5 699  | 3 826                                     | 1 006  | 30 149                   | 30 465                     |
| 1996-97  | 19 709                                  | 5 734  | 4 498                                     | 1 082  | 31 023                   | 30 868                     |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR           |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| 1991-92  | 1.6                                     | 2.3    | -6.0                                      | -7.8   | 1.4                      | -2.4                       |
| 1992-93  | 0.3                                     | 0.6    | -4.0                                      | -5.3   | -0.5                     | 3.9                        |
| 1993-94  | 3.2                                     | 5.8    | -1.2                                      | -16.3  | 2.2                      | 3.3                        |
| 1994-95  | 4.8                                     | 1.6    | 23.1                                      | 6.7    | 6.6                      | 0.8                        |
| 1995-96  | 3.8                                     | -1.0   | -14.9                                     | -12.9  | -0.6                     | 4.2                        |
| 1996-97  | 0.5                                     | 0.6    | 17.6                                      | 7.6    | 2.9                      | 1.3                        |
| QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)                      |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| 1995-96  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| March  | 4 690                                   | 1 373  | 838                                       | 260    | 7 161                    | 7 267                      |
| June   | 4 873                                   | 1 431  | 1 027                                     | 340    | 7 671                    | 7 437                      |
| 1996-97  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| September                                      | 4 898                                   | 1 428  | 1 105                                     | 212    | 7 643                    | 7 363                      |
| December                                       | 5 170                                   | 1 428  | 1 226                                     | 251    | 8 075                    | 8 701                      |
| March  | 4 713                                   | 1 339  | 965                                       | 306    | 7 323                    | 7 280                      |
| June   | 4 928                                   | 1 539  | 1 202                                     | 313    | 7 982                    | 7 524                      |
| QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)                         |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| 1995-96  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| March  | 4 901                                   | 1 418  | 964                                       | 258    | 7 541                    | 7 660                      |
| June   | 4 909                                   | 1 404  | 1 033                                     | 258    | 7 604                    | 7 679                      |
| 1996-97  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| September                                      | 4 913                                   | 1 406  | 1 081                                     | 275    | 7 675                    | 7 706                      |
| December                                       | 4 922                                   | 1 424  | 1 107                                     | 288    | 7 741                    | 7 717                      |
| March  | 4 935                                   | 1 437  | 1 118                                     | 280    | 7 770                    | 7 701                      |
| June   | 4 968                                   | 1 439  | 1 135                                     | 252    | 7 794                    | 7 662                      |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| 1995-96  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| March  | -0.1                                    | -2.0   | 3.3                                       | 3.6    | 0.1                      | 0.4                        |
| June   | 0.2                                     | -1.0   | 7.2                                       | 0.0    | 0.8                      | 0.2                        |
| 1996-97  |   |        |   |        |                          |                            |
| September                                      | 0.1                                     | 0.1    | 4.6                                       | 6.6    | 0.9                      | 0.4                        |
| December                                       | 0.2                                     | 1.3    | 2.4                                       | 4.7    | 0.9                      | 0.1                        |
| March  | 0.3                                     | 0.9    | 1.0                                       | -2.8   | 0.4                      | -0.2                       |
| June   | 0.7                                     | 0.1    | 1.5                                       | -10.0  | 0.3                      | -0.5                       |

## MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

| Period         | Meat and<br>meat<br>preparations<br>\$'000 | Cereals<br>and cereal<br>preparations<br>\$'000 | Wine<br>\$'000 | Wool and<br>sheepskins<br>\$'000 | Machinery<br>\$'000 | Metals and<br>metal<br>manu-<br>factures<br>\$'000 | Fish and<br>crustaceans<br>\$'000 | Road<br>vehicles,<br>parts and<br>accessories<br>\$'000 | Petroleum<br>and<br>petroleum<br>products<br>\$'000 | Total<br>\$'000 |
|----------------|--|---|----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| ANNUAL         |  |   |                |                                  |                     |  |                                   |   |   |                 |
| 1991-92        | 270 237                                    | 565 582   | 165 914        | 351 096                          | 176 536             | 489 030  | 147 532                           | 137 091   | 341 477   | 3 431 139       |
| 1992-93        | 282 181                                    | 573 375   | 192 255        | 318 989                          | 211 426             | 490 594  | 154 608                           | 338 359   | 372 445   | 3 760 602       |
| 1993-94        | 324 796                                    | 436 617   | 238 366        | 290 963                          | 223 760             | 482 355  | 186 861                           | 351 229   | 276 473   | 3 889 783       |
| 1994-95        | 307 785                                    | 261 052   | 250 527        | 301 645                          | 285 309             | 571 094  | 191 386                           | 332 321   | 285 310   | 3 829 336       |
| 1995-96        | 244 508                                    | 713 092   | 318 534        | 240 148                          | 340 205             | 610 899  | 196 629                           | 249 237   | 220 915   | 4 498 532       |
| 1996-97        | 182 478                                    | 745 242   | 397 855        | 260 958                          | 378 735             | 542 177  | 191 072                           | 655 895   | 285 974   | 5 012 271       |
| MONTHLY        |  |   |                |                                  |                     |  |                                   |   |   |                 |
| <b>1995-96</b> |  |   |                |                                  |                     |  |                                   |   |   |                 |
| June           | 13 508                                     | 32 283  | 35 428         | 21 076                           | 30 702              | 53 314   | 11 403                            | 18 201  | 12 412  | 351 684         |
| <b>1996-97</b> |  |   |                |                                  |                     |  |                                   |   |   |                 |
| July           | 11 235                                     | 58 143  | 28 756         | 17 046                           | 28 499              | 37 618   | 10 316                            | 44 328  | 25 877  | 364 816         |
| August         | 9 355                                      | 43 399  | 41 848         | 12 545                           | 33 395              | 53 358   | 10 441                            | 23 287  | 19 738  | 353 974         |
| September      | 10 417                                     | 43 137  | 38 598         | 16 764                           | 31 955              | 35 430   | 10 554                            | 36 844  | 6 262   | 315 960         |
| October        | 14 922                                     | 44 586  | 40 663         | 22 285                           | 26 217              | 46 325   | 16 063                            | 75 999  | 20 187  | 425 409         |
| November       | 18 388                                     | 23 261  | 25 814         | 22 961                           | 32 122              | 46 400   | 16 170                            | 99 763  | 41 799  | 443 477         |
| December       | 21 065                                     | 85 128  | 34 865         | 30 635                           | 45 346              | 60 849   | 16 009                            | 70 076  | 17 719  | 521 428         |
| January        | 13 701                                     | 108 010   | 21 366         | 18 392                           | 17 653              | 33 405   | 20 477                            | 46 808  | 4 275   | 379 289         |
| February       | 17 065                                     | 124 924   | 30 844         | 22 350                           | 27 097              | 39 512   | 20 942                            | 58 234  | 46 014  | 510 731         |
| March          | 17 492                                     | 118 000   | 34 185         | 22 682                           | 39 617              | 46 769   | 23 664                            | 56 579  | 25 712  | 507 123         |
| April          | 17 415                                     | 61 511  | 34 047         | 25 234                           | 31 992              | 39 508   | 19 935                            | 45 176  | 26 197  | 416 299         |
| May            | 16 003                                     | 16 146  | 36 804         | 26 233                           | 35 201              | 55 444   | 15 449                            | 39 711  | 15 488  | 367 536         |
| June           | 15 421                                     | 18 998  | 30 066         | 23 831                           | 29 641              | 47 560   | 11 051                            | 57 089  | 36 706  | 406 229         |
| <b>1997-98</b> |  |   |                |                                  |                     |  |                                   |   |   |                 |
| July           | 12 691                                     | 18 849  | 38 545         | 30 886                           | 41 559              | 47 372   | 16 678                            | 53 303  | 14 509  | 415 268         |
| August         | 11 457                                     | 18 708  | 44 624         | 16 923                           | 30 644              | 43 460   | 18 624                            | 60 410  | 38 677  | 416 553         |

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## MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, By Selected Countries(a)

| Period         | EUROPEAN<br>COMMUNITY.....     |                |                   |                                | EAST ASIA..... |         |         |              |         |                    |
|----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|--------------------|
|                | United<br>States of<br>America | Middle<br>East | United<br>Kingdom | Total<br>European<br>Community | New<br>Zealand | Japan   | China   | Hong<br>Kong | ASEAN   | Total<br>East Asia |
|                | \$'000                         | \$'000         | \$'000            | \$'000                         | \$'000         | \$'000  | \$'000  | \$'000       | \$'000  | \$'000             |
| ANNUAL         |                                |                |                   |                                |                |         |         |              |         |                    |
| 1991-92        | 300 139                        | 381 761        | 220 048           | 550 258                        | 214 522        | 647 674 | 148 308 | 108 583      | 437 670 | 1 627 108          |
| 1992-93        | 352 764                        | 314 049        | 237 520           | 594 701                        | 288 421        | 649 684 | 208 135 | 171 803      | 487 174 | 1 820 065          |
| 1993-94        | 393 611                        | 280 499        | 263 092           | 571 047                        | 311 999        | 625 481 | 220 211 | 165 163      | 533 977 | 1 898 975          |
| 1994-95        | 329 878                        | 184 342        | 246 118           | 553 051                        | 376 262        | 682 937 | 177 875 | 193 014      | 551 433 | 2 004 013          |
| 1995-96        | 279 555                        | 525 348        | 287 727           | 691 996                        | 376 628        | 672 885 | 293 360 | 202 307      | 572 529 | 2 057 945          |
| 1996-97        | 707 618                        | 563 367        | 304 605           | 641 010                        | 381 941        | 612 073 | 244 917 | 234 512      | 614 433 | 2 033 582          |
| MONTHLY        |                                |                |                   |                                |                |         |         |              |         |                    |
| <b>1995-96</b> |                                |                |                   |                                |                |         |         |              |         |                    |
| June           | 27 622                         | 27 415         | 39 268            | 81 921                         | 27 726         | 51 133  | 10 310  | 15 755       | 40 698  | 142 070            |
| <b>1996-97</b> |                                |                |                   |                                |                |         |         |              |         |                    |
| July           | 26 282                         | 19 794         | 23 491            | 40 076                         | 58 202         | 37 820  | 13 448  | 14 210       | 62 818  | 154 167            |
| August         | 24 015                         | 30 364         | 28 940            | 57 177                         | 39 337         | 51 371  | 17 025  | 20 786       | 42 611  | 158 897            |
| September      | 45 339                         | 32 344         | 25 007            | 41 103                         | 26 836         | 36 244  | 13 183  | 18 520       | 37 428  | 128 271            |
| October        | 74 338                         | 30 300         | 28 488            | 58 604                         | 40 477         | 67 681  | 20 077  | 12 600       | 45 513  | 173 485            |
| November       | 100 612                        | 23 047         | 32 472            | 56 564                         | 33 279         | 57 312  | 17 778  | 27 444       | 64 655  | 189 397            |
| December       | 71 258                         | 81 329         | 28 905            | 65 684                         | 27 378         | 59 114  | 29 176  | 21 721       | 47 761  | 186 464            |
| January        | 47 334                         | 83 789         | 13 228            | 29 012                         | 32 659         | 31 483  | 17 714  | 16 327       | 28 376  | 119 338            |
| February       | 57 587                         | 66 413         | 22 843            | 49 748                         | 29 728         | 56 641  | 27 861  | 23 395       | 74 529  | 208 991            |
| March          | 69 002                         | 96 254         | 26 863            | 67 132                         | 28 245         | 59 413  | 22 364  | 26 579       | 39 800  | 182 126            |
| April          | 59 320                         | 49 119         | 26 023            | 52 619                         | 22 885         | 51 075  | 33 261  | 18 598       | 61 197  | 185 838            |
| May            | 49 397                         | 30 793         | 26 476            | 63 159                         | 21 142         | 47 286  | 17 553  | 16 373       | 50 566  | 166 868            |
| June           | 83 195                         | 19 843         | 21 744            | 60 097                         | 21 859         | 55 926  | 15 479  | 17 965       | 59 211  | 179 377            |
| <b>1997-98</b> |                                |                |                   |                                |                |         |         |              |         |                    |
| July           | 75 314                         | 33 014         | 27 335            | 60 226                         | 25 486         | 46 565  | 30 754  | 15 652       | 55 713  | 181 799            |
| August         | 79 931                         | 22 161         | 43 544            | 72 233                         | 22 518         | 50 714  | 21 513  | 16 469       | 55 466  | 173 520            |

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## MANUFACTURING.....

| Period         | Agriculture,<br>forestry<br>and<br>fishing | Mining  | Food,<br>beverages<br>and<br>tobacco | Petroleum,<br>coal,<br>chemical<br>associated<br>product | Metal<br>product | Machinery<br>and<br>equipment | Other<br>manu-<br>facturing | Other<br>industries;<br>confidential | Total     |
|----------------|--|---------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                | \$'000                                     | \$'000  | \$'000                               | \$'000   | \$'000           | \$'000                        | \$'000                      | \$'000                               | \$'000    |
| ANNUAL         |  |         |                                      |  |                  |                               |                             |                                      |           |
| 1991-92        | 882 011                                    | 248 846 | 702 148                              | 201 681  | 541 522          | 381 737                       | 178 485                     | 294 709                              | 3 431 139 |
| 1992-93        | 883 725                                    | 294 586 | 766 518                              | 195 387  | 509 303          | 641 930                       | 178 726                     | 290 427                              | 3 760 602 |
| 1993-94        | 733 014                                    | 245 247 | 884 737                              | 180 147  | 475 060          | 665 066                       | 208 573                     | 497 938                              | 3 889 783 |
| 1994-95        | 592 129                                    | 268 537 | 886 337                              | 186 661  | 584 838          | 711 529                       | 243 314                     | 355 991                              | 3 829 336 |
| 1995-96        | 1 014 521                                  | 226 309 | 978 332                              | 172 285  | 639 267          | 674 131                       | 226 496                     | 567 191                              | 4 498 532 |
| 1996-97        | 1 067 829                                  | 215 807 | 981 653                              | 279 460  | 569 700          | 1 139 836                     | 229 483                     | 528 503                              | 5 012 271 |
| MONTHLY        |  |         |                                      |  |                  |                               |                             |                                      |           |
| <b>1995-96</b> |  |         |                                      |  |                  |                               |                             |                                      |           |
| June           | 61 544                                     | 11 060  | 77 812                               | 11 624   | 58 738           | 55 922                        | 18 726                      | 56 238                               | 351 664   |
| <b>1996-97</b> |  |         |                                      |  |                  |                               |                             |                                      |           |
| July           | 90 390                                     | 27 283  | 64 583                               | 17 238   | 37 653           | 80 451                        | 18 424                      | 28 794                               | 364 816   |
| August         | 58 417                                     | 21 111  | 87 452                               | 16 126   | 54 535           | 65 002                        | 19 604                      | 31 727                               | 353 974   |
| September      | 63 746                                     | 2 163   | 81 493                               | 13 729   | 36 910           | 77 137                        | 19 503                      | 21 279                               | 315 960   |
| October        | 68 176                                     | 12 456  | 85 814                               | 28 892   | 51 440           | 111 387                       | 20 149                      | 47 095                               | 425 409   |
| November       | 58 151                                     | 21 794  | 71 302                               | 28 399   | 47 286           | 140 287                       | 19 269                      | 56 989                               | 443 477   |
| December       | 119 518                                    | 25 596  | 87 427                               | 25 499   | 63 810           | 122 815                       | 22 225                      | 54 537                               | 521 428   |
| January        | 133 106                                    | 1 294   | 72 585                               | 10 035   | 33 508           | 69 654                        | 15 632                      | 43 473                               | 379 289   |
| February       | 151 003                                    | 39 021  | 86 482                               | 33 856   | 43 376           | 93 004                        | 18 502                      | 45 485                               | 510 731   |
| March          | 140 271                                    | 734     | 97 840                               | 33 486   | 50 142           | 106 475                       | 18 809                      | 59 386                               | 507 123   |
| April          | 88 768                                     | 30 741  | 85 922                               | 17 247   | 40 321           | 96 254                        | 19 110                      | 37 936                               | 416 299   |
| May            | 42 278                                     | 991     | 86 038                               | 27 148   | 59 594           | 84 795                        | 20 725                      | 46 967                               | 367 536   |
| June           | 54 005                                     | 32 623  | 75 714                               | 27 803   | 51 123           | 92 575                        | 17 531                      | 54 855                               | 406 229   |
| <b>1997-98</b> |  |         |                                      |  |                  |                               |                             |                                      |           |
| July           | 79 573                                     | 29 953  | 83 150                               | 14 721   | 48 563           | 105 112                       | 24 442                      | 29 753                               | 415 268   |
| August         | 51 358                                     | 11 542  | 93 202                               | 37 491   | 48 552           | 98 835                        | 23 647                      | 51 926                               | 416 553   |

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

## MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, By Selected Commodity Group(a)

| Period         | Food,<br>beverages<br>and<br>tobacco | Petroleum<br>and<br>petroleum<br>products | Chemicals | Textiles | Metals and<br>metal<br>manu-<br>factures | Machinery | Road,<br>vehicles,<br>parts and<br>accessories | Other<br>manu-<br>factured<br>goods | Total     |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|----------|--|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|
|                | \$'000                               | \$'000                                    | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000                                   | \$'000    | \$'000   | \$'000                              | \$'000    |
| ANNUAL         |                                      |   |           |          |  |           |  |                                     |           |
| 1991-92        | 82 095                               | 362 777                                   | 153 574   | 62 884   | 151 165                                  | 523 846   | 435 121  | 513 012                             | 2 396 954 |
| 1992-93        | 91 756                               | 570 334                                   | 186 001   | 57 434   | 255 924                                  | 609 212   | 661 714  | 521 723                             | 3 068 122 |
| 1993-94        | 99 177                               | 404 626                                   | 200 225   | 60 172   | 160 937                                  | 595 238   | 663 617  | 484 590                             | 2 803 446 |
| 1994-95        | 115 930                              | 330 430                                   | 220 536   | 64 524   | 214 432                                  | 695 038   | 749 658  | 563 368                             | 3 099 510 |
| 1995-96        | 118 237                              | 346 397                                   | 254 102   | 76 847   | 213 487                                  | 675 889   | 546 445  | 728 096                             | 3 114 309 |
| 1996-97        | 136 699                              | 505 633                                   | 226 773   | 79 702   | 223 299                                  | 868 384   | 538 685  | 695 266                             | 3 414 719 |
| MONTHLY        |                                      |   |           |          |  |           |  |                                     |           |
| <b>1995-96</b> |                                      |   |           |          |  |           |  |                                     |           |
| June           | 7 669                                | 21 616                                    | 15 891    | 6 713    | 18 888                                   | 52 873    | 45 012   | 85 729                              | 261 521   |
| <b>1996-97</b> |                                      |   |           |          |  |           |  |                                     |           |
| July           | 10 309                               | 31 507                                    | 13 842    | 7 463    | 17 070                                   | 66 901    | 42 448   | 62 917                              | 265 195   |
| August         | 14 251                               | 54 974                                    | 16 395    | 6 952    | 24 177                                   | 70 218    | 55 143   | 50 007                              | 307 628   |
| September      | 10 374                               | 23 728                                    | 12 227    | 7 797    | 18 405                                   | 69 155    | 39 198   | 101 380                             | 290 140   |
| October        | 15 412                               | 50 886                                    | 14 652    | 6 584    | 18 722                                   | 72 108    | 48 332   | 48 905                              | 283 909   |
| November       | 13 043                               | 25 966                                    | 15 236    | 5 015    | 21 111                                   | 78 107    | 42 335   | 58 621                              | 267 488   |
| December       | 13 786                               | 47 488                                    | 25 844    | 5 443    | 12 397                                   | 75 884    | 33 169   | 82 398                              | 310 393   |
| January        | 9 935                                | 24 997                                    | 24 943    | 8 035    | 20 890                                   | 107 391   | 42 244   | 52 370                              | 300 286   |
| February       | 9 788                                | 52 619                                    | 16 510    | 6 087    | 20 531                                   | 96 667    | 45 732   | 46 861                              | 303 870   |
| March          | 8 356                                | 50 383                                    | 28 119    | 5 064    | 14 786                                   | 50 785    | 44 387   | 46 897                              | 257 380   |
| April          | 10 432                               | 58 416                                    | 18 075    | 7 691    | 19 499                                   | 62 146    | 56 140   | 50 015                              | 297 629   |
| May            | 11 588                               | 45 354                                    | 19 293    | 6 465    | 15 125                                   | 54 510    | 35 983   | 48 198                              | 246 007   |
| June           | 9 424                                | 39 315                                    | 21 838    | 7 107    | 20 586                                   | 66 513    | 54 575   | 48 697                              | 284 792   |
| <b>1997-98</b> |                                      |   |           |          |  |           |  |                                     |           |
| July           | 10 522                               | 66 543                                    | 14 279    | 6 797    | 22 111                                   | 108 042   | 83 398   | 56 516                              | 376 841   |
| August         | 12 159                               | 29 929                                    | 13 887    | 6 373    | 24 951                                   | 75 417    | 82 197   | 52 802                              | 305 957   |

(a) Goods released from Customs control in South Australia.

## TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, By Industry

| Period       | Food<br>retailing | Department<br>stores | Clothing and soft<br>good retailing | Household<br>good retailing | Recreational<br>good retailing | Other<br>retailing | Hospitality<br>and services | Total   |
|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| ANNUAL (\$m) |                   |                      |                                     |                             |                                |                    |                             |         |
| 1991-92      | 3 223.7           | 1 087.4              | 472.4                               | 833.1                       | 289.6                          | 537.7              | 1 198.4                     | 7 642.5 |
| 1992-93      | 3 081.8           | 1 101.5              | 440.4                               | 829.9                       | 324.5                          | 645.0              | 1 181.8                     | 7 604.9 |
| 1993-94      | 3 253.3           | 1 107.8              | 479.0                               | 917.8                       | 378.1                          | 684.0              | 1 338.8                     | 8 158.8 |
| 1994-95      | 3 477.3           | 1 128.8              | 538.0                               | 959.6                       | 383.8                          | 793.5              | 1 654.4                     | 8 935.4 |
| 1995-96      | 3 786.5           | 1 138.5              | 546.7                               | 1 025.6                     | 431.2                          | 902.8              | 1 762.0                     | 9 593.2 |
| 1996-97      | 4 065.0           | 1 121.0              | 467.0                               | 937.0                       | 425.0                          | 792.8              | 1 648.1                     | 9 455.8 |

|                         |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |         |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|---------|
| MONTHLY, ORIGINAL (\$m) |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |         |
| <b>1995-96</b>          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |         |
| June                    | 308.4 | 87.5  | 41.0 | 79.1  | 32.4 | 69.8 | 136.0 | 755.0   |
| <b>1996-97</b>          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |         |
| July                    | 322.1 | 90.6  | 41.7 | 83.2  | 34.8 | 64.2 | 130.7 | 766.4   |
| August                  | 335.3 | 86.8  | 40.8 | 84.3  | 34.7 | 67.7 | 134.6 | 778.6   |
| September               | 317.2 | 80.4  | 33.4 | 77.1  | 33.7 | 63.0 | 135.1 | 739.8   |
| October                 | 350.2 | 93.0  | 37.0 | 77.6  | 37.4 | 64.0 | 133.3 | 792.5   |
| November                | 343.5 | 105.6 | 37.4 | 80.0  | 39.3 | 64.9 | 141.2 | 812.0   |
| December                | 382.2 | 170.4 | 51.9 | 101.8 | 56.6 | 91.1 | 178.7 | 1 032.7 |
| January                 | 351.1 | 79.3  | 37.1 | 70.3  | 33.4 | 60.5 | 142.1 | 774.0   |
| February                | 317.3 | 69.7  | 28.1 | 67.0  | 28.7 | 56.5 | 127.1 | 694.5   |
| March                   | 350.0 | 82.7  | 34.9 | 70.1  | 32.0 | 60.7 | 131.9 | 762.4   |
| April                   | 331.2 | 86.2  | 45.3 | 73.3  | 32.6 | 65.0 | 128.4 | 762.1   |
| May                     | 344.6 | 96.2  | 45.3 | 77.2  | 32.0 | 71.3 | 132.4 | 798.8   |
| June                    | 320.2 | 80.0  | 40.7 | 74.9  | 29.6 | 63.9 | 132.5 | 741.8   |
| <b>1997-98</b>          |       |       |      |       |      |      |       |         |
| July                    | 355.0 | 97.9  | 45.8 | 83.1  | 31.6 | 67.5 | 123.7 | 804.6   |
| August                  | 349.6 | 80.5  | 38.7 | 83.6  | 32.0 | 65.9 | 127.5 | 777.8   |

|                      |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
|----------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| MONTHLY, TREND (\$m) |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| <b>1995-96</b>       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| June                 | 326.6 | 94.0 | 40.7 | 83.6 | 36.5 | 71.2 | 144.0 | 796.3 |
| <b>1996-97</b>       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| July                 | 330.3 | 93.9 | 39.7 | 82.7 | 36.7 | 68.9 | 142.7 | 794.8 |
| August               | 332.5 | 93.7 | 38.8 | 81.6 | 37.0 | 66.7 | 140.2 | 790.5 |
| September            | 333.9 | 93.7 | 37.9 | 80.2 | 37.2 | 64.8 | 137.7 | 785.9 |
| October              | 335.7 | 93.8 | 37.1 | 78.6 | 36.9 | 63.4 | 136.1 | 783.1 |
| November             | 338.2 | 93.9 | 36.8 | 77.1 | 36.2 | 62.7 | 135.6 | 782.7 |
| December             | 341.0 | 94.1 | 37.0 | 76.0 | 35.3 | 62.9 | 135.7 | 784.2 |
| January              | 343.2 | 94.0 | 37.5 | 75.4 | 34.4 | 63.7 | 136.1 | 786.4 |
| February             | 344.4 | 93.7 | 38.3 | 75.5 | 33.8 | 64.9 | 136.6 | 788.5 |
| March                | 344.7 | 93.3 | 39.3 | 76.0 | 33.4 | 66.2 | 137.1 | 790.6 |
| April                | 344.8 | 93.1 | 40.5 | 76.9 | 33.5 | 67.3 | 137.2 | 793.2 |
| May                  | 345.4 | 93.3 | 41.7 | 78.2 | 33.7 | 68.1 | 137.1 | 797.3 |
| June                 | 347.1 | 93.7 | 42.9 | 79.8 | 34.0 | 68.5 | 136.9 | 802.7 |
| <b>1997-98</b>       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |
| July                 | 349.3 | 94.1 | 43.9 | 81.5 | 34.2 | 68.7 | 136.5 | 808.5 |
| August               | 352.2 | 94.3 | 44.8 | 82.9 | 34.5 | 68.7 | 135.8 | 814.4 |

|  |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>1996-97</b>                               |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| July   | 1.1 | -0.1 | -2.5 | -1.1 | 0.5  | -3.2 | -0.9 | -0.2 |
| August                                       | 0.7 | -0.2 | -2.3 | -1.3 | 0.8  | -3.2 | -1.8 | -0.5 |
| September                                    | 0.4 | 0.0  | -0.3 | -1.7 | 0.5  | -2.8 | -1.8 | -0.6 |
| October                                      | 0.5 | 0.1  | -2.1 | -2.0 | -0.8 | -2.2 | -1.2 | -0.4 |
| November                                     | 0.7 | 0.1  | -0.8 | -1.9 | -1.9 | -1.1 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| December                                     | 0.8 | 0.2  | 0.5  | -1.4 | -2.5 | 0.3  | 0.1  | 0.2  |
| January                                      | 0.6 | -0.1 | 1.4  | -0.8 | -2.5 | 1.3  | 0.3  | 0.3  |
| February                                     | 0.3 | -0.3 | 2.1  | 0.1  | -1.7 | 1.9  | 0.4  | 0.3  |
| March  | 0.1 | -0.4 | 2.6  | 0.7  | -1.2 | 2.0  | 0.4  | 0.3  |
| April  | 0.0 | -0.2 | 3.1  | 1.2  | 0.3  | 1.7  | 0.1  | 0.3  |
| May  | 0.2 | 0.2  | 3.0  | 1.7  | 0.6  | 1.2  | -0.1 | 0.5  |
| June   | 0.5 | 0.4  | 2.9  | 2.0  | 0.9  | 0.6  | -0.1 | 0.7  |
| <b>1997-98</b>                               |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| July   | 0.6 | 0.4  | 2.3  | 2.1  | 0.6  | 0.3  | -0.3 | 0.7  |
| August                                       | 0.8 | 0.2  | 2.1  | 1.7  | 0.9  | 0.0  | -0.5 | 0.7  |

## NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATIONS, By Type of Vehicle

| ORIGINAL.....                         |                       |                   | SEASONALLY ADJUSTED..... |                       |                   | TREND ESTIMATE..... |                       |                   |       |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Period                                | Passenger<br>vehicles | Other<br>vehicles | Total                    | Passenger<br>vehicles | Other<br>vehicles | Total               | Passenger<br>vehicles | Other<br>vehicles | Total |
| ANNUAL                                |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| 1991-92                               | 32 351                | 5 333             | 37 684                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1992-93                               | 32 894                | 5 577             | 38 471                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1993-94                               | 32 806                | 5 781             | 38 587                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1994-95                               | 35 830                | 6 736             | 42 566                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1995-96                               | 36 067                | 6 828             | 42 895                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1996-97                               | 36 146                | 6 970             | 43 116                   | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR  |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| 1991-92                               | -6.9                  | -19.4             | -8.9                     | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1992-93                               | 1.7                   | 4.6               | 2.1                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1993-94                               | -0.3                  | 3.7               | 0.3                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1994-95                               | 9.2                   | 16.5              | 10.3                     | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1995-96                               | 0.7                   | 1.4               | 0.8                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| 1996-97                               | 0.2                   | 2.1               | 0.5                      | ..                    | ..                | ..                  | ..                    | ..                | ..    |
| MONTHLY                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| 1995-96                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| June                                  | 3 091                 | 841               | 3 932                    | 2 999                 | 669               | 3 668               | 2 959                 | 617               | 3 576 |
| 1996-97                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| July                                  | 2 862                 | 595               | 3 457                    | 2 813                 | 572               | 3 384               | 2 875                 | 604               | 3 479 |
| August                                | 3 024                 | 545               | 3 569                    | 2 853                 | 600               | 3 453               | 2 804                 | 585               | 3 389 |
| September                             | 2 939                 | 498               | 3 437                    | 2 883                 | 548               | 3 431               | 2 780                 | 564               | 3 344 |
| October                               | 2 817                 | 548               | 3 365                    | 2 520                 | 557               | 3 077               | 2 810                 | 547               | 3 357 |
| November                              | 2 976                 | 539               | 3 515                    | 2 953                 | 503               | 3 456               | 2 892                 | 545               | 3 437 |
| December                              | 2 997                 | 585               | 3 582                    | 2 978                 | 585               | 3 563               | 2 998                 | 556               | 3 554 |
| January                               | 2 493                 | 449               | 2 942                    | 3 109                 | 564               | 3 673               | 3 102                 | 578               | 3 679 |
| February                              | 3 302                 | 525               | 3 827                    | 3 439                 | 573               | 4 012               | 3 179                 | 600               | 3 779 |
| March                                 | 3 034                 | 593               | 3 627                    | 3 128                 | 623               | 3 750               | 3 221                 | 614               | 3 835 |
| April                                 | 3 015                 | 701               | 3 716                    | 3 221                 | 714               | 3 935               | 3 232                 | 616               | 3 848 |
| May                                   | 3 028                 | 612               | 3 640                    | 3 045                 | 555               | 3 600               | 3 240                 | 606               | 3 846 |
| June                                  | 3 659                 | 780               | 4 439                    | 3 463                 | 602               | 4 066               | 3 257                 | 592               | 3 849 |
| 1997-98                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| July                                  | 3 351                 | 545               | 3 896                    | 3 196                 | 532               | 3 729               | 3 278                 | 578               | 3 856 |
| August                                | 3 368                 | 508               | 3 876                    | 3 354                 | 575               | 3 930               | 3 292                 | 564               | 3 855 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| 1995-96                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| June                                  | 0.4                   | 18.1              | 3.7                      | 0.3                   | 6.2               | 1.3                 | -2.6                  | -0.8              | -2.2  |
| 1996-97                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| July                                  | -7.4                  | -29.3             | -12.1                    | -6.2                  | -14.5             | -7.7                | -2.8                  | -2.1              | -2.7  |
| August                                | 5.7                   | -8.4              | 3.2                      | 1.4                   | 4.9               | 2.0                 | -2.5                  | -3.1              | -2.6  |
| September                             | -2.8                  | -8.6              | -3.7                     | 1.1                   | -8.7              | -0.6                | -0.9                  | -3.6              | -1.3  |
| October                               | -4.2                  | 10.0              | 2.1                      | -12.6                 | 1.6               | -10.3               | 1.1                   | -3.0              | 0.4   |
| November                              | 5.6                   | -1.6              | 4.5                      | 17.2                  | -9.7              | 12.3                | 2.9                   | -0.4              | 2.4   |
| December                              | 0.7                   | 8.5               | 1.9                      | 0.8                   | 16.3              | 3.1                 | 3.7                   | 2.0               | 3.4   |
| January                               | -16.8                 | -23.2             | -17.9                    | 4.4                   | -3.6              | 3.1                 | 3.5                   | 4.0               | 3.5   |
| February                              | 32.5                  | 16.9              | 30.1                     | 10.6                  | 1.6               | 9.2                 | 2.5                   | 3.8               | 2.7   |
| March                                 | -8.1                  | 13.0              | -5.2                     | -9.0                  | 8.7               | -6.5                | 1.3                   | 2.3               | 1.5   |
| April                                 | -0.6                  | 18.2              | 2.5                      | 3.0                   | 14.6              | 4.9                 | 0.3                   | 0.3               | 0.3   |
| May                                   | 0.4                   | -12.7             | -2.0                     | -5.5                  | -22.3             | -8.5                | 0.2                   | -1.6              | -0.1  |
| June                                  | 20.8                  | 27.5              | 22.0                     | 13.7                  | 8.5               | 12.9                | 0.5                   | -2.3              | 0.1   |
| 1997-98                               |                       |                   |                          |                       |                   |                     |                       |                   |       |
| July                                  | -8.4                  | -30.1             | -12.2                    | -7.7                  | -11.6             | -8.3                | 0.6                   | -2.4              | 0.2   |
| August                                | 0.5                   | -6.8              | -0.5                     | 4.9                   | 8.1               | 5.4                 | 0.4                   | -2.4              | 0.0   |

| Period | INDUSTRY..... |                    |                                 | TYPE OF ASSET..... |                                    |                                      |
|--------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|        | Mining        | Manu-<br>facturing | Other<br>selected<br>industries | Total              | New<br>buildings<br>and structures | Equipment,<br>plant and<br>machinery |

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|         |     |     |       |       |     |       |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1991-92 | 193 | 763 | 668   | 1 625 | 392 | 1 233 |
| 1992-93 | 218 | 564 | 739   | 1 522 | 416 | 1 105 |
| 1993-94 | 97  | 613 | 773   | 1 484 | 358 | 1 128 |
| 1994-95 | 115 | 829 | 1 162 | 2 106 | 351 | 1 755 |
| 1995-96 | 196 | 756 | 921   | 1 873 | 358 | 1 515 |
| 1996-97 | 488 | 839 | 1 250 | 2 577 | 593 | 1 984 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

|         |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1991-92 | 58.4  | 2.9   | -32.3 | -12.2 | -37.5 | 0.8   |
| 1992-93 | 12.8  | -26.1 | 10.6  | -6.4  | 6.1   | -10.4 |
| 1993-94 | -55.5 | 8.7   | 4.6   | -2.5  | -14.5 | 2.0   |
| 1994-95 | 18.3  | 35.2  | 50.3  | 41.9  | -1.4  | 55.6  |
| 1995-96 | 70.4  | -8.8  | -20.7 | -11.1 | 2.0   | -13.7 |
| 1996-97 | 149.0 | 11.0  | 35.7  | 37.6  | 65.6  | 31.0  |

## QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)

|                |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>1995-96</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| March          | 51  | 167 | 184 | 403 | 77  | 326 |
| June           | 59  | 210 | 276 | 545 | 117 | 428 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| September      | 61  | 187 | 399 | 647 | 133 | 514 |
| December       | 82  | 234 | 373 | 688 | 172 | 517 |
| March          | 79  | 198 | 245 | 521 | 130 | 391 |
| June           | 266 | 221 | 233 | 720 | 159 | 561 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, ORIGINAL

|                |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| March          | 4.1   | -18.5 | -35.4 | -25.1 | -13.5 | -27.6 |
| June           | 15.7  | 25.7  | 50.0  | 35.2  | 51.9  | 31.3  |
| <b>1996-97</b> |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September      | 3.4   | -11.0 | 44.6  | 18.7  | 13.7  | 20.1  |
| December       | 34.4  | 25.1  | -6.5  | 6.3   | 29.3  | 0.6   |
| March          | -3.7  | -15.4 | -34.3 | -24.3 | -24.4 | -24.4 |
| June           | 236.7 | 11.6  | -4.9  | 38.2  | 22.3  | 43.5  |

## QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)

|                |      |      |      |     |     |     |
|----------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| <b>1995-96</b> |      |      |      |     |     |     |
| March          | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 485 | 95  | 390 |
| June           | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 566 | 117 | 449 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |      |      |      |     |     |     |
| September      | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 618 | 133 | 485 |
| December       | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 634 | 145 | 488 |
| March          | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 634 | 156 | 478 |
| June           | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 639 | 166 | 472 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER, TREND

|                |    |    |    |      |      |      |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|------|------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |    |    |    |      |      |      |
| March          | .. | .. | .. | 14.7 | 21.8 | 13.0 |
| June           | .. | .. | .. | 16.7 | 23.2 | 15.1 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |    |    |    |      |      |      |
| September      | .. | .. | .. | 9.2  | 13.7 | 8.0  |
| December       | .. | .. | .. | 2.6  | 9.0  | 0.6  |
| March          | .. | .. | .. | 0.0  | 7.6  | -2.0 |
| June           | .. | .. | .. | 0.8  | 6.4  | -1.3 |



HOTELS, MOTELS  
AND GUESTHOUSES  
WITH FACILITIES.....HOLIDAY FLATS,  
UNITS AND HOUSES.....SHORT-TERM  
CARAVAN PARKS.....

|        | Guest<br>rooms | Room<br>occupancy | Takings | Flats,<br>units<br>and houses | Unit<br>occupancy | Takings | Sites | Site<br>occupancy | Takings |
|--------|----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------------|---------|
| Period | no.            | %                 | \$'000  | no.                           | %                 | \$'000  | no    | %                 | \$'000  |

## ANNUAL

|         |        |      |         |       |      |        |        |      |        |
|---------|--------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| 1991-92 | 10 745 | 46.6 | 130 578 | 1 302 | 40.4 | 10 492 | 20 601 | 17.1 | 19 111 |
| 1992-93 | 10 632 | 46.5 | 129 882 | 1 338 | 40.2 | 10 740 | 20 038 | 22.3 | 20 113 |
| 1993-94 | 10 597 | 48.6 | 138 782 | 1 338 | 40.9 | 11 700 | 19 591 | 23.7 | 20 790 |
| 1994-95 | 10 594 | 51.3 | 149 698 | 1 342 | 40.0 | 11 644 | 20 175 | 24.5 | 22 537 |
| 1995-96 | 10 772 | 52.4 | 161 136 | 1 356 | 41.5 | 12 844 | 20 187 | 24.9 | 23 578 |
| 1996-97 | 10 895 | 52.6 | 164 227 | 1 467 | 42.2 | 14 615 | 20 248 | 25.2 | 24 336 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

|         |      |    |      |     |    |      |      |    |     |
|---------|------|----|------|-----|----|------|------|----|-----|
| 1991-92 | 2.9  | .. | 1.5  | 7.6 | .. | 1.5  | 4.1  | .. | 5.6 |
| 1992-93 | -1.1 | .. | -0.5 | 2.8 | .. | 2.4  | -2.7 | .. | 5.2 |
| 1993-94 | -0.3 | .. | 6.9  | 0.0 | .. | 8.9  | -2.2 | .. | 3.4 |
| 1994-95 | 0.0  | .. | 7.9  | 0.3 | .. | -0.5 | 3.0  | .. | 8.4 |
| 1995-96 | 1.7  | .. | 7.6  | 1.0 | .. | 10.3 | 0.1  | .. | 4.6 |
| 1996-97 | 1.1  | .. | 1.9  | 8.1 | .. | 13.8 | 0.3  | .. | 3.2 |

## QUARTERLY

|                |        |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |       |
|----------------|--------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|------|-------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |        |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |       |
| March          | 10 757 | 55.1 | 41 938 | 1 388 | 54.9 | 4 512 | 20 154 | 27.8 | 6 931 |
| June           | 10 865 | 51.4 | 39 121 | 1 451 | 38.0 | 2 940 | 20 122 | 25.0 | 5 736 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |        |      |        |       |      |       |        |      |       |
| September      | 10 879 | 48.9 | 37 567 | 1 426 | 35.1 | 2 885 | 20 247 | 21.0 | 4 735 |
| December       | 10 951 | 54.9 | 43 266 | 1 470 | 40.7 | 3 651 | 20 260 | 25.2 | 6 340 |
| March          | 10 909 | 55.4 | 43 033 | 1 493 | 54.1 | 4 895 | 20 251 | 30.4 | 7 742 |
| June           | 10 842 | 51.1 | 40 361 | 1 477 | 38.8 | 3 184 | 20 233 | 24.3 | 5 519 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

|                |      |    |      |      |    |       |      |    |       |
|----------------|------|----|------|------|----|-------|------|----|-------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |      |    |      |      |    |       |      |    |       |
| March          | -0.1 | .. | -2.5 | 7.0  | .. | 44.6  | 0.2  | .. | 13.6  |
| June           | 1.0  | .. | -6.7 | 4.5  | .. | -34.8 | -0.2 | .. | -17.2 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |      |    |      |      |    |       |      |    |       |
| September      | 0.1  | .. | -4.0 | -1.7 | .. | -1.9  | 0.6  | .. | -17.5 |
| December       | 0.7  | .. | 15.2 | 3.1  | .. | 26.6  | 0.1  | .. | 33.9  |
| March          | -0.4 | .. | -0.5 | 1.6  | .. | 34.1  | 0.0  | .. | 22.1  |
| June           | -0.6 | .. | -6.2 | -1.1 | .. | -35.0 | -0.1 | .. | -28.7 |

NEW HOUSES..... TOTAL DWELLING  
UNITS.....

| Period  | Private sector |        | Private sector |        | New residential building |     | Alterations and additions to residential building |       | Non-residential building |     | Total building |     |
|---------|----------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------------------------|-----|---|-------|--------------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
|         | no.            | Total  | no.            | Total  | \$m                      | \$m | \$m   | \$m   | \$m                      | \$m | \$m            | \$m |
| ANNUAL  |                |        |                |        |                          |     |   |       |                          |     |                |     |
| 1991-92 | 8 613          | 8 931  | 10 254         | 11 290 | 756                      | 124 | 627   | 1 506 |                          |     |                |     |
| 1992-93 | 9 710          | 10 087 | 11 548         | 12 341 | 841                      | 133 | 418   | 1 392 |                          |     |                |     |
| 1993-94 | 9 470          | 9 901  | 11 046         | 11 777 | 839                      | 122 | 375   | 1 336 |                          |     |                |     |
| 1994-95 | 7 757          | 8 147  | 9 208          | 9 762  | 740                      | 120 | 493   | 1 353 |                          |     |                |     |
| 1995-96 | 4 930          | 5 109  | 5 760          | 5 968  | 469                      | 119 | 566   | 1 155 |                          |     |                |     |
| 1996-97 | 5 508          | 5 604  | 6 148          | 6 264  | 515                      | 117 | 584   | 1 217 |                          |     |                |     |

## MONTHLY, ORIGINAL

|                |     |     |     |     |      |      |       |       |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1996-97</b> |     |     |     |     |      |      |       |       |  |  |  |  |
| July           | 476 | 481 | 523 | 528 | 42.8 | 7.7  | 41.9  | 92.5  |  |  |  |  |
| August         | 484 | 492 | 536 | 547 | 45.2 | 10.3 | 60.9  | 116.4 |  |  |  |  |
| September      | 458 | 462 | 510 | 514 | 43.4 | 10.7 | 59.1  | 113.2 |  |  |  |  |
| October        | 401 | 414 | 553 | 566 | 43.7 | 12.0 | 28.5  | 84.2  |  |  |  |  |
| November       | 438 | 438 | 488 | 488 | 39.9 | 8.8  | 39.7  | 88.5  |  |  |  |  |
| December       | 382 | 383 | 409 | 410 | 34.8 | 9.7  | 28.0  | 72.5  |  |  |  |  |
| January        | 340 | 340 | 351 | 351 | 29.6 | 8.6  | 41.9  | 80.1  |  |  |  |  |
| February       | 429 | 434 | 467 | 472 | 39.7 | 9.8  | 53.1  | 102.6 |  |  |  |  |
| March          | 486 | 501 | 526 | 543 | 41.8 | 8.9  | 35.4  | 86.1  |  |  |  |  |
| April          | 559 | 568 | 615 | 628 | 52.6 | 10.9 | 39.2  | 102.8 |  |  |  |  |
| May            | 537 | 551 | 599 | 620 | 52.5 | 9.9  | 64.7  | 127.1 |  |  |  |  |
| June           | 518 | 540 | 571 | 597 | 49.5 | 9.2  | 92.0  | 160.7 |  |  |  |  |
| <b>1997-98</b> |     |     |     |     |      |      |       |       |  |  |  |  |
| July           | 571 | 583 | 622 | 634 | 51.1 | 10.8 | 125.1 | 187.0 |  |  |  |  |
| August         | 513 | 529 | 552 | 568 | 49.3 | 10.1 | 63.8  | 123.2 |  |  |  |  |

## MONTHLY, TREND

|                |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1996-97</b> |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |
| July           | 418 | 425 | 469 | 477 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| August         | 418 | 427 | 479 | 488 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| September      | 417 | 427 | 482 | 493 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| October        | 416 | 425 | 479 | 489 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| November       | 420 | 428 | 474 | 482 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| December       | 433 | 439 | 476 | 483 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| January        | 455 | 460 | 490 | 495 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| February       | 483 | 488 | 516 | 523 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| March          | 507 | 513 | 546 | 555 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| April          | 520 | 529 | 568 | 581 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| May            | 521 | 532 | 576 | 590 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| June           | 512 | 524 | 570 | 586 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| <b>1997-98</b> |     |     |     |     |      |      |      |      |  |  |  |  |
| July           | 498 | 512 | 558 | 574 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |
| August         | 482 | 496 | 541 | 556 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |  |  |  |  |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND

|                |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|----|----|----|----|--|--|--|--|
| <b>1996-97</b> |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| August         | 0.0  | 0.5  | 2.1  | 2.3  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| September      | -0.2 | 0.0  | 0.6  | 1.0  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| October        | -0.2 | -0.5 | -0.6 | -0.8 | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| November       | 1.0  | 0.7  | -1.0 | -1.4 | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| December       | 3.1  | 2.6  | 0.4  | 0.2  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| January        | 5.1  | 4.8  | 2.9  | 2.5  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| February       | 6.2  | 6.1  | 5.3  | 5.7  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| March          | 5.0  | 5.1  | 5.8  | 6.1  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| April          | 2.6  | 3.1  | 4.0  | 4.7  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| May            | 0.2  | 0.6  | 1.4  | 1.5  | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| June           | -1.7 | -1.5 | -1.0 | -0.7 | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| <b>1997-98</b> |      |      |      |      |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |
| July           | -2.7 | -2.3 | -2.1 | -2.0 | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |
| August         | -3.2 | -3.1 | -3.0 | -3.1 | .. | .. | .. | .. |  |  |  |  |

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## BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

|           | NEW HOUSES..... |       | TOTAL DWELLING UNITS(a)..... |        | NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING..... |   |                |       |                |
|-----------|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|---|----------------|-------|----------------|
|           | Private sector  | Total | Private sector               | Total  | New residential building      | Alterations and additions to residential building | Private sector | Total | Total building |
| Period    | no.             | no.   | no.                          | no.    | \$m                           | \$m   | \$m            | \$m   | \$m            |
| ANNUAL    |                 |       |                              |        |                               |   |                |       |                |
| 1991-92   | 8 036           | 8 344 | 9 635                        | 10 700 | 727.2                         | 125.1   | 344.5          | 607.8 | 1 460.1        |
| 1992-93   | 9 122           | 9 416 | 10 889                       | 11 646 | 816.2                         | 122.4   | 205.5          | 458.7 | 1 397.2        |
| 1993-94   | 9 159           | 9 590 | 10 712                       | 11 501 | 845.3                         | 126.5   | 209.9          | 373.0 | 1 344.8        |
| 1994-95   | 7 745           | 8 210 | 9 132                        | 9 796  | 765.5                         | 125.3   | 251.7          | 518.5 | 1 409.3        |
| 1995-96   | 4 836           | 5 070 | 5 691                        | 5 960  | 496.5                         | 121.7   | 452.8          | 631.8 | 1 250.0        |
| 1996-97   | 4 959           | 5 014 | 5 611                        | 5 671  | 494.9                         | 117.2   | 399.5          | 544.9 | 1 157.0        |
| QUARTERLY |                 |       |                              |        |                               |   |                |       |                |
| 1995-96   |                 |       |                              |        |                               |   |                |       |                |
| March     | 1 044           | 1 089 | 1 237                        | 1 295  | 109.2                         | 29.4  | 80.1           | 139.9 | 278.4          |
| June      | 1 153           | 1 183 | 1 269                        | 1 307  | 111.0                         | 28.8  | 217.7          | 264.0 | 403.9          |
| 1996-97   |                 |       |                              |        |                               |   |                |       |                |
| September | 1 191           | 1 207 | 1 297                        | 1 321  | 108.7                         | 26.2  | 67.9           | 104.2 | 239.1          |
| December  | 1 245           | 1 262 | 1 511                        | 1 530  | 133.8                         | 33.8  | 85.3           | 113.2 | 280.8          |
| March     | 1 099           | 1 102 | 1 241                        | 1 247  | 106.3                         | 26.2  | 76.6           | 121.2 | 253.6          |
| June      | 1 504           | 1 523 | 1 637                        | 1 670  | 146.1                         | 31.0  | 169.7          | 208.4 | 383.5          |

(a) Includes conversions

| Period    | NEW HOUSES...  |       | NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING..... |       | Alterations and additions to residential building | NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING..... |       | TOTAL BUILDING... |         |
|-----------|----------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------|
|           | Private sector | Total | Private sector                | Total |   | Private sector                | Total | Private sector    | Total   |
|           | \$m            | \$m   | \$m                           | \$m   |   | \$m                           | \$m   | \$m               | \$m     |
| ANNUAL    |                |       |                               |       |   |                               |       |                   |         |
| 1991-92   | 591.5          | 607.5 | 693.4                         | 748.5 | 125.1   | 310.3                         | 484.1 | 1 127.5           | 1 357.6 |
| 1992-93   | 647.2          | 660.9 | 743.8                         | 780.6 | 127.1   | 297.9                         | 570.9 | 1 166.3           | 1 478.6 |
| 1993-94   | 719.1          | 746.4 | 828.9                         | 876.3 | 132.0   | 217.7                         | 462.1 | 1 177.2           | 1 470.4 |
| 1994-95   | 659.6          | 693.6 | 766.1                         | 816.4 | 129.4   | 271.6                         | 476.9 | 1 164.3           | 1 422.7 |
| 1995-96   | 441.4          | 460.5 | 512.9                         | 534.8 | 130.6   | 311.4                         | 542.1 | 953.2             | 1 207.5 |
| 1996-97   | 433.1          | 438.1 | 484.8                         | 490.0 | 122.0   | 441.2                         | 659.7 | 1 046.2           | 1 271.7 |
| QUARTERLY |                |       |                               |       |   |                               |       |                   |         |
| 1995-96   |                |       |                               |       |   |                               |       |                   |         |
| March     | 101.6          | 105.4 | 118.8                         | 123.1 | 26.7  | 63.4                          | 122.0 | 208.6             | 271.8   |
| June      | 102.6          | 105.0 | 117.6                         | 120.3 | 32.6  | 88.1                          | 155.6 | 238.3             | 308.5   |
| 1996-97   |                |       |                               |       |   |                               |       |                   |         |
| September | 97.3           | 99.3  | 109.4                         | 111.3 | 28.0  | 83.4                          | 143.8 | 219.4             | 283.1   |
| December  | 109.1          | 110.6 | 121.3                         | 122.8 | 35.4  | 119.6                         | 189.8 | 276.0             | 348.0   |
| March     | 99.9           | 100.3 | 114.1                         | 114.6 | 26.8  | 100.8                         | 147.8 | 241.6             | 289.2   |
| June      | 126.8          | 128.0 | 140.0                         | 141.2 | 31.9  | 137.4                         | 178.9 | 309.2             | 351.4   |

| Period   | Footwear<br>pairs | Gas<br>m MJ | Electricity<br>(including NT)<br>'000 kWh | Coal<br>tonnes | Sawn<br>timber(a)<br>m <sup>3</sup> |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| ANNUAL   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| 1991-92  | 1 852 890         | 78 210      | 10 025 649                                | 2 819 880      | 271 603                             |
| 1992-93  | 1 406 178         | 83 000      | 10 226 734                                | 2 753 610      | 317 096                             |
| 1993-94  | 1 382 949         | 89 382      | 10 560 251                                | 2 643 000      | 364 961                             |
| 1994-95  | 1 430 417         | 86 123      | 10 051 056                                | 2 554 560      | 392 349                             |
| 1995-96  | 1 423 814         | 76 074      | 8 733 503                                 | 2 409 120      | 413 545                             |
| 1996-97  | 1 572 621         | 76 495      | 9 166 719                                 | 2 633 820      | n.y.a.                              |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR             |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| 1991-92  | 0.8               | 6.7         | 12.9                                      | 15.5           | 13.1                                |
| 1992-93  | -24.1             | 6.1         | 2.0                                       | -2.4           | 16.7                                |
| 1993-94  | -1.7              | 7.7         | 3.3                                       | -4.0           | 15.1                                |
| 1994-95  | 3.4               | -3.6        | -4.8                                      | -3.3           | 7.5                                 |
| 1995-96  | -0.5              | -11.7       | -13.1                                     | -5.7           | 5.4                                 |
| 1996-97  | 10.5              | 0.6         | 5.0                                       | 9.3            | n.y.a.                              |
| MONTHLY/QUARTERLY(b), ORIGINAL                   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| June   | 163 135           | 7 047       | 788 337                                   | 216 120        | 90 862                              |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| July   | 132 078           | 7 478       | 805 153                                   | 242 820        | ..                                  |
| August   | 139 938           | 7 077       | 780 265                                   | 231 720        | ..                                  |
| September  | 140 736           | 6 545       | 715 089                                   | 203 820        | 95 037                              |
| October  | 118 507           | 6 788       | 701 744                                   | 150 480        | ..                                  |
| November   | 134 859           | 5 468       | 692 551                                   | 202 920        | ..                                  |
| December   | 82 581            | 5 417       | 724 795                                   | 196 980        | 86 509                              |
| January  | 68 587            | 6 016       | 801 786                                   | 239 760        | ..                                  |
| February   | 170 775           | 6 499       | 857 703                                   | 206 820        | ..                                  |
| March  | 124 771           | 5 429       | 717 610                                   | 238 200        | 67 726                              |
| April  | 137 860           | 5 544       | 713 484                                   | 216 840        | ..                                  |
| May  | 144 946           | 6 979       | 850 366                                   | 259 980        | ..                                  |
| June   | 176 983           | 7 255       | 806 173                                   | 243 480        | n.y.a.                              |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH/QUARTER(b) |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| June   | 21.1              | 23.0        | 8.7                                       | 15.8           | 2.5                                 |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                   |                   |             |   |                |                                     |
| July   | -19.0             | 6.1         | 2.1                                       | 12.4           | ..                                  |
| August   | 6.0               | -5.4        | -3.1                                      | -4.6           | ..                                  |
| September  | 0.6               | -7.5        | -8.4                                      | -12.0          | 4.6                                 |
| October  | -15.8             | 3.7         | -1.9                                      | -26.2          | ..                                  |
| November   | 13.8              | -19.4       | -1.3                                      | 34.8           | ..                                  |
| December   | -38.8             | -0.9        | 4.7                                       | -2.9           | -9.0                                |
| January  | 149.0             | 8.0         | 7.0                                       | -13.7          | ..                                  |
| February   | -16.9             | 11.1        | 10.6                                      | 21.7           | ..                                  |
| March  | -26.9             | -16.5       | -16.3                                     | 15.2           | -21.7                               |
| April  | 10.5              | 2.1         | -0.6                                      | -9.0           | ..                                  |
| May  | 5.1               | 25.9        | 19.2                                      | 19.9           | ..                                  |
| June   | 22.1              | 4.0         | -5.2                                      | -6.3           | n.y.a.                              |

(a) From Australian softwood logs only.

(b) Sawn timber production data available quarterly only.

| Period | Chicken | Pigmeat | Beef | Mutton | Lamb | Cheese | Wheat flour,<br>other than<br>self-raising |
|--------|---------|---------|------|--------|------|--------|--|
|--------|---------|---------|------|--------|------|--------|--|

## ANNUAL (tonnes)

|         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1991-92 | 36 978 | 34 538 | 90 661 | 72 578 | 29 941 | 23 494 | 81 065 |
| 1992-93 | 38 619 | 38 153 | 96 338 | 65 689 | 39 334 | 26 140 | 87 761 |
| 1993-94 | 40 671 | 38 394 | 94 395 | 71 354 | 45 199 | 26 674 | 84 683 |
| 1994-95 | 39 103 | 32 063 | 99 108 | 66 759 | 36 147 | 29 154 | 80 666 |
| 1995-96 | 37 691 | 31 695 | 89 704 | 55 600 | 37 735 | 31 496 | 97 425 |
| 1996-97 | 38 907 | 29 853 | 85 350 | 58 025 | 35 081 | n.y.a. | 90 449 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

|         |      |       |      |       |       |        |      |
|---------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|--------|------|
| 1991-92 | 15.8 | -10.6 | 4.2  | 10.9  | -6.5  | -4.2   | -3.2 |
| 1992-93 | 4.4  | 10.5  | 6.3  | -9.5  | 31.4  | 11.3   | 8.3  |
| 1993-94 | 5.3  | 0.6   | -2.0 | 8.6   | 14.9  | 2.0    | -3.5 |
| 1994-95 | -3.9 | -16.5 | 5.0  | -6.4  | -20.0 | 9.3    | -4.7 |
| 1995-96 | -3.6 | -1.1  | -9.5 | -16.7 | 4.4   | 8.0    | 20.8 |
| 1996-97 | 3.2  | -6.8  | -4.9 | 4.4   | -7.0  | n.y.a. | -7.2 |

## MONTHLY (tonnes)

## 1996-97

|           |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| July      | 3 110 | 3 043 | 5 241 | 2 670 | 1 896 | 2 120  | 7 099 |
| August    | 2 827 | 2 864 | 5 190 | 2 749 | 1 856 | 2 452  | 7 468 |
| September | 3 042 | 2 308 | 6 650 | 3 733 | 2 776 | 3 092  | 7 089 |
| October   | 3 155 | 2 232 | 8 130 | 5 528 | 3 422 | 3 699  | 6 866 |
| November  | 3 167 | 2 629 | 8 930 | 7 351 | 2 983 | 3 326  | 7 331 |
| December  | 3 600 | 2 000 | 6 681 | 4 500 | 2 574 | 2 889  | 8 187 |
| January   | 3 502 | 2 136 | 7 333 | 5 815 | 3 247 | 2 536  | 8 010 |
| February  | 2 819 | 2 570 | 7 223 | 6 057 | 3 154 | 2 043  | 8 566 |
| March     | 3 440 | 2 202 | 6 854 | 5 397 | 2 899 | 1 911  | 8 374 |
| April     | 3 595 | 2 508 | 8 355 | 5 632 | 3 501 | 2 255  | 7 379 |
| May       | 3 321 | 2 828 | 7 606 | 4 637 | 3 469 | n.y.a. | 6 983 |
| June      | 3 327 | 2 533 | 7 168 | 3 957 | 3 304 | n.y.a. | 7 097 |

## 1997-98

|        |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| July   | 3 743 | 2 446 | 6 809 | 3 146 | 3 006 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| August | n.a.  | 2 669 | 6 033 | 4 016 | 1 166 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH

## 1996-97

|           |       |       |       |       |       |        |       |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| July      | 5.7   | 27.8  | -9.3  | -12.9 | -0.7  | 8.0    | 4.2   |
| August    | -9.1  | -5.9  | -10.0 | 3.0   | -2.1  | 15.7   | 5.2   |
| September | 7.6   | -19.4 | 28.1  | 35.8  | 49.6  | 26.1   | -5.1  |
| October   | 3.7   | -3.3  | 22.3  | 48.1  | 23.3  | 19.6   | -3.1  |
| November  | 0.4   | 17.8  | 9.8   | 33.0  | -12.8 | -10.1  | 6.8   |
| December  | 13.7  | -23.9 | -25.2 | -38.8 | -13.7 | -13.1  | 11.7  |
| January   | -2.7  | 6.8   | 9.8   | 29.2  | 26.1  | -2.2   | -2.2  |
| February  | -19.5 | 20.3  | -1.5  | 4.2   | -2.9  | -19.4  | 6.9   |
| March     | 22.0  | -14.3 | -5.1  | -10.9 | -8.1  | -6.5   | -2.2  |
| April     | 4.5   | 13.9  | 21.9  | 4.4   | 20.8  | 18.0   | -11.9 |
| May       | -7.6  | 12.8  | -9.0  | -17.7 | -0.9  | n.y.a. | -5.4  |
| June      | 0.2   | -0.4  | -5.8  | -14.7 | -4.8  | n.y.a. | 1.6   |

## 1997-98

|        |      |      |       |       |       |        |        |
|--------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| July   | 12.5 | -3.4 | -5.0  | -20.5 | -9.0  | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |
| August | n.a. | 9.1  | -11.4 | 27.7  | -61.2 | n.y.a. | n.y.a. |

| Period                         | Food  | Clothing | Housing | Household<br>equipment<br>and<br>operation | Transport-<br>ation | Tobacco<br>and<br>alcohol | Health<br>and<br>personal<br>care | Recreation<br>and<br>education | All<br>groups |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|---------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100) |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                   |                                |               |
| 1991-92                        | 106.0 | 105.3    | 100.4   | 107.5                                      | 110.5               | 118.6                     | 127.8                             | 107.7                          | 108.9         |
| 1992-93                        | 109.3 | 107.0    | 94.3    | 107.6                                      | 115.0               | 131.2                     | 134.9                             | 110.7                          | 111.2         |
| 1993-94                        | 111.7 | 106.6    | 92.1    | 108.0                                      | 117.8               | 141.5                     | 142.7                             | 113.7                          | 113.4         |
| 1994-95                        | 115.1 | 104.9    | 97.8    | 109.2                                      | 120.2               | 148.9                     | 151.3                             | 116.3                          | 116.9         |
| 1995-96                        | 118.2 | 105.1    | 103.6   | 112.1                                      | 124.5               | 160.1                     | 158.9                             | 118.0                          | 121.2         |
| 1996-97                        | 120.8 | 105.5    | 98.9    | 113.4                                      | 124.6               | 165.3                     | 165.4                             | 121.1                          | 122.3         |

|  |     |      |      |     |     |      |      |     |     |
|--|-----|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, ANNUAL AVERAGE |     |      |      |     |     |      |      |     |     |
| 1991-92  | 2.1 | 1.6  | -3.6 | 2.0 | 3.3 | 5.9  | 12.7 | 2.8 | 2.5 |
| 1992-93  | 3.1 | 1.6  | -6.1 | 0.1 | 4.1 | 10.6 | 5.6  | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| 1993-94  | 2.2 | -0.4 | -2.3 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 7.9  | 5.8  | 2.7 | 2.0 |
| 1994-95  | 3.0 | -1.6 | 6.2  | 1.1 | 2.0 | 5.2  | 6.0  | 2.2 | 3.1 |
| 1995-96  | 2.7 | 0.2  | 5.9  | 2.7 | 3.6 | 7.6  | 5.0  | 1.5 | 3.7 |
| 1996-97  | 2.2 | 0.3  | -4.5 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 3.3  | 4.1  | 2.6 | 0.9 |

|                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0) |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| <b>1995-96</b>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| June                        | 118.4 | 105.5 | 103.9 | 112.3 | 125.3 | 163.6 | 160.6 | 119.2 | 122.0 |
| <b>1996-97</b>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September                   | 119.2 | 105.5 | 103.5 | 113.0 | 124.4 | 164.7 | 160.9 | 119.2 | 122.2 |
| December                    | 120.7 | 106.0 | 100.5 | 113.8 | 125.5 | 164.9 | 164.9 | 119.8 | 122.6 |
| March                       | 121.2 | 105.1 | 97.5  | 113.3 | 125.6 | 165.2 | 167.7 | 122.3 | 122.6 |
| June                        | 121.9 | 105.2 | 94.1  | 113.6 | 122.7 | 166.5 | 168.0 | 122.9 | 121.9 |
| <b>1997-98</b>              |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
| September                   | 122.0 | 105.4 | 92.2  | 113.6 | 123.2 | 167.2 | 158.6 | 123.7 | 121.2 |

|  |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
|--|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| <b>1995-96</b>                                       |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| June   | 2.3 | 0.4  | 1.7  | 1.9 | 3.2  | 6.8 | 3.4  | 2.3 | 2.7  |
| <b>1996-97</b>                                       |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| September  | 1.2 | 0.7  | 0.8  | 1.3 | 0.0  | 6.4 | 3.5  | 2.3 | 1.7  |
| December   | 2.1 | 0.8  | -3.2 | 1.6 | 1.0  | 3.3 | 3.9  | 2.1 | 1.2  |
| March  | 2.5 | 0.2  | -6.2 | 0.8 | 1.4  | 1.8 | 4.2  | 2.9 | 0.8  |
| June   | 3.0 | -0.3 | -9.4 | 1.2 | -2.1 | 1.8 | 4.6  | 3.1 | -0.1 |
| <b>1997-98</b>                                       |     |      |      |     |      |     |      |     |      |
| September  | 2.3 | -0.1 | 10.9 | 0.5 | -1.0 | 1.5 | -1.4 | 3.8 | -0.8 |

|   |     |      |      |      |      |     |      |     |      |
|---|-----|------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER |     |      |      |      |      |     |      |     |      |
| <b>1995-96</b>                          |     |      |      |      |      |     |      |     |      |
| June                                    | 0.2 | 0.6  | 0.0  | -0.1 | 1.1  | 0.9 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3  |
| <b>1996-97</b>                          |     |      |      |      |      |     |      |     |      |
| September                               | 0.7 | 0.0  | -0.4 | 0.6  | -0.7 | 0.7 | 0.2  | 0.0 | 0.2  |
| December                                | 1.3 | 0.5  | -2.9 | 0.7  | 0.9  | 0.1 | 2.5  | 0.5 | 0.3  |
| March                                   | 0.4 | -0.8 | -3   | -0.4 | 0.1  | 0.2 | 1.7  | 2.1 | 0.0  |
| June                                    | 0.6 | 0.1  | -3.5 | 0.3  | -2.3 | 0.8 | 0.2  | 0.5 | -0.6 |
| <b>1997-98</b>                          |     |      |      |      |      |     |      |     |      |
| September                               | 0.1 | 0.2  | -2.0 | 0.0  | 0.4  | 0.4 | -5.6 | 0.7 | -0.6 |

QUARTER.....

|   |           | June<br>1996 | Sep<br>1996 | Dec<br>1996 | Mar<br>1996 | June<br>1997 |
|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Item  | Unit      | cents        | cents       | cents       | cents       | cents        |
| .....   |           |              |             |             |             |              |
| Milk, carton, supermarket sales                 | 1 L       | 113          | 114         | 116         | 116         | 122          |
| Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped              | 500 g     | 337          | 322         | 318         | 318         | 320          |
| Butter  | 500 g     | 167          | 160         | 172         | 167         | 161          |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced,<br>supermarket sales | 680 g     | 141          | 154         | 157         | 153         | 160          |
| Self-raising flour                              | 2 kg      | 238          | 243         | 227         | 240         | 235          |
| Beef  |           |              |             |             |             |              |
| Rump steak                                      | 1 kg      | 1 168        | 1 123       | 1 061       | 1 157       | 1 141        |
| Corned silverside                               | 1 kg      | 645          | 624         | 625         | 597         | 602          |
| Lamb  |           |              |             |             |             |              |
| Leg   | 1 kg      | 584          | 586         | 563         | 572         | 574          |
| Loin chops                                      | 1 kg      | 812          | 808         | 778         | 799         | 792          |
| Forequarter chops                               | 1 kg      | 544          | 555         | 528         | 568         | 547          |
| Pork  |           |              |             |             |             |              |
| Leg   | 1 kg      | 608          | 621         | 617         | 616         | 574          |
| Loin chops                                      | 1 kg      | 765          | 778         | 793         | 799         | 792          |
| Chicken, frozen                                 | 1 kg      | 348          | 369         | 375         | 351         | 370          |
| Bacon, middle rashers                           | 250 g pkt | 289          | 292         | 317         | 325         | 295          |
| Sausages  | 1 kg      | 358          | 351         | 351         | 359         | 360          |
| Potatoes  | 1 kg      | 70           | 67          | 73          | 78          | 108          |
| Onions  | 1 kg      | 74           | 83          | 128         | 134         | 114          |
| Peaches, canned                                 | 825 g     | 189          | 174         | 190         | 182         | 185          |
| Eggs, 55g                                       | doz       | 240          | 239         | 248         | 246         | 246          |
| Sugar, white                                    | 2 kg      | 180          | 182         | 182         | 183         | 182          |
| Tea   | 250 g     | 159          | 168         | 172         | 169         | 175          |
| Coffee, instant, jar                            | 150 g     | 528          | 509         | 513         | 500         | 539          |
| Margarine, polyunsaturated                      | 500 g     | 141          | 139         | 143         | 141         | 133          |
| Petrol  |           |              |             |             |             |              |
| Leaded  | 1 L       | 75.9         | 73.6        | 76.1        | 77.5        | 75.4         |
| Unleaded  | 1 L       | 73.6         | 71.3        | 73.7        | 75.2        | 73.0         |

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## NET MIGRATION...

| <i>Period</i>     | <i>Live<br/>births(a)</i> | <i>Deaths(a)</i> | <i>Natural<br/>increase</i> | <i>Interstate</i> | <i>Overseas(b)</i> | <i>Total<br/>increase</i> | <i>Population<br/>at end<br/>of period(c)</i> |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| ANNUAL            |                           |                  |                             |                   |                    |                           |   |
| 1991-92           | 19 530                    | 11 035           | 8 532                       | - 133             | 2 897              | 11 296                    | 1 456 523                                     |
| 1992-93           | 19 686                    | 11 163           | 8 403                       | -4 650            | 1 546              | 5 299                     | 1 460 730                                     |
| 1993-94           | 20 036                    | 11 743           | 7 949                       | -3 466            | 1 994              | 6 477                     | 1 466 127                                     |
| 1994-95           | 19 559                    | 11 496           | 7 902                       | -6 529            | 2 883              | 4 256                     | 1 469 411                                     |
| 1995-96           | 10 916                    | 11 186           | 7 645                       | -6 238            | 4 119              | 5 526                     | 1 474 389                                     |
| MONTHLY/QUARTERLY |                           |                  |                             |                   |                    |                           |   |
| <b>1995-96</b>    |                           |                  |                             |                   |                    |                           |   |
| June              | 1 448                     | 886              | 1 818                       | -1 093            | 697                | 1 423                     | 1 474 389                                     |
| <b>1996-97</b>    |                           |                  |                             |                   |                    |                           |   |
| July              | 1 732                     | 1 102            | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| August            | 1 662                     | 1 207            | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| September         | 1 464                     | 977              | 1 575                       | -1 589            | 1 042              | 1 028                     | 1 475 417                                     |
| October           | 1 779                     | 1 196            | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| November          | 1 536                     | 835              | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| December          | 1 424                     | 920              | 1 780                       | -1 427            | 1 003              | 1 356                     | 1 476 773                                     |
| January           | 1 582                     | 909              | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| February          | 1 498                     | 827              | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| March             | 1 301                     | 753              | 1 880                       | -1 192            | 1 228              | 1 916                     | 1 478 689                                     |
| April             | 1 673                     | 925              | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| May               | 1 791                     | 1 022            | ..                          | ..                | ..                 | ..                        | ..  |
| June              | 1 492                     | 904              | n.y.a.                      | n.y.a.            | n.y.a.             | n.y.a.                    | n.y.a.  |

(a) Registrations.

(b) Includes category jumping

(c) For dates prior to June 1996, differences between the total increases shown and the sum of natural increases and net overseas migration arise from retrospective adjustments to population estimates.

| Period                                       | EMPLOYED<br>FULL-TIME..... |         | EMPLOYED<br>PART-TIME..... |         | TOTAL<br>EMPLOYED..... |         | UNEMPLOYED.. |         | LABOUR<br>FORCE..... |         |
|--|----------------------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|----------------------|---------|
|  | Males                      | Females | Males                      | Females | Males                  | Females | Males        | Females | Males                | Females |
| ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)                        |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| 1991-92                                      | 323.3                      | 145.7   | 37.5                       | 121.6   | 360.8                  | 267.3   | 50.0         | 29.3    | 410.8                | 296.6   |
| 1992-93                                      | 322.2                      | 143.2   | 39.2                       | 126.8   | 361.4                  | 270.0   | 51.9         | 29.9    | 413.3                | 299.9   |
| 1993-94                                      | 322.0                      | 146.3   | 40.0                       | 127.0   | 362.0                  | 273.3   | 47.3         | 29.9    | 409.3                | 303.2   |
| 1994-95                                      | 323.1                      | 151.5   | 42.6                       | 131.3   | 365.7                  | 282.8   | 44.6         | 28.7    | 410.3                | 311.5   |
| 1995-96                                      | 325.2                      | 150.0   | 45.5                       | 136.7   | 370.7                  | 286.7   | 42.6         | 26.0    | 413.2                | 312.7   |
| 1996-97                                      | 320.8                      | 150.5   | 48.6                       | 140.7   | 369.4                  | 291.2   | 42.1         | 27.5    | 411.5                | 318.7   |
| MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)                     |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| <b>1996-97</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| September                                    | 316.7                      | 152.0   | 49.0                       | 141.5   | 365.7                  | 293.5   | 43.0         | 27.5    | 408.7                | 320.9   |
| October                                      | 321.0                      | 151.8   | 45.9                       | 140.5   | 366.9                  | 292.3   | 40.7         | 27.0    | 407.6                | 319.4   |
| November                                     | 321.0                      | 149.7   | 47.8                       | 138.9   | 368.7                  | 288.7   | 41.3         | 25.1    | 410.0                | 313.7   |
| December                                     | 327.6                      | 153.0   | 46.3                       | 139.7   | 373.8                  | 292.7   | 41.3         | 29.3    | 415.1                | 322.0   |
| January                                      | 321.3                      | 151.3   | 44.8                       | 133.5   | 366.2                  | 284.8   | 44.9         | 28.8    | 411.0                | 313.6   |
| February                                     | 320.5                      | 152.4   | 47.6                       | 140.0   | 368.1                  | 292.3   | 44.2         | 30.2    | 412.3                | 322.5   |
| March  | 318.6                      | 148.6   | 54.9                       | 145.6   | 373.5                  | 294.1   | 41.6         | 29.5    | 415.1                | 323.6   |
| April  | 319.9                      | 148.2   | 49.3                       | 143.2   | 369.2                  | 291.5   | 43.8         | 27.4    | 413.0                | 318.8   |
| May  | 318.3                      | 149.2   | 51.6                       | 140.2   | 369.9                  | 289.4   | 44.0         | 25.7    | 413.9                | 315.1   |
| June   | 324.9                      | 151.1   | 49.1                       | 141.6   | 374.0                  | 292.7   | 41.4         | 26.8    | 415.4                | 319.5   |
| <b>1997-98</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| July   | 325.9                      | 149.3   | 47.5                       | 140.1   | 373.4                  | 289.4   | 40.9         | 27.0    | 414.3                | 318.5   |
| August                                       | 323.3                      | 148.8   | 50.3                       | 141.6   | 374.1                  | 290.4   | 42.5         | 27.4    | 415.3                | 311.6   |
| September                                    | 324.0                      | 148.5   | 50.6                       | 141.7   | 374.7                  | 290.3   | 42.5         | 27.3    | 419.9                | 317.5   |
| MONTHLY, TREND ('000)                        |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| <b>1996-97</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| September                                    | 319.4                      | 150.6   | 48.4                       | 140.4   | 367.8                  | 291.0   | 41.5         | 27.7    | 409.3                | 318.7   |
| October                                      | 319.5                      | 150.4   | 48.1                       | 140.4   | 367.6                  | 290.8   | 41.7         | 27.7    | 409.3                | 318.5   |
| November                                     | 320.1                      | 150.2   | 47.6                       | 140.8   | 367.7                  | 291.0   | 41.7         | 27.5    | 409.4                | 318.5   |
| December                                     | 320.7                      | 150.1   | 47.3                       | 141.3   | 368.0                  | 291.4   | 41.6         | 27.3    | 409.6                | 318.7   |
| January                                      | 321.1                      | 150.1   | 47.6                       | 141.9   | 368.7                  | 292.0   | 41.6         | 27.1    | 410.3                | 319.1   |
| February                                     | 321.2                      | 150.3   | 48.1                       | 142.1   | 369.3                  | 292.4   | 42.0         | 27.1    | 411.3                | 319.5   |
| March  | 321.1                      | 150.7   | 48.9                       | 141.7   | 370.0                  | 292.4   | 42.6         | 27.1    | 412.6                | 319.5   |
| April  | 321.4                      | 150.8   | 49.4                       | 141.0   | 370.8                  | 291.8   | 43.1         | 27.3    | 413.9                | 319.1   |
| May  | 322.1                      | 150.4   | 49.7                       | 140.2   | 371.8                  | 290.6   | 43.4         | 27.5    | 415.2                | 318.1   |
| June   | 323.2                      | 149.6   | 49.8                       | 139.6   | 373.0                  | 289.2   | 43.5         | 27.8    | 418.5                | 317.0   |
| <b>1997-98</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| July   | 324.3                      | 148.5   | 49.7                       | 139.4   | 374.0                  | 287.9   | 43.4         | 28.0    | 417.4                | 315.9   |
| August                                       | 325.3                      | 147.1   | 49.7                       | 139.9   | 375.0                  | 287.0   | 43.4         | 28.2    | 418.4                | 315.2   |
| September                                    | 326.1                      | 145.8   | 49.6                       | 140.4   | 375.7                  | 286.2   | 43.3         | 28.2    | 419.0                | 314.4   |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, TREND |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| <b>1996-97</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| October                                      | 0.0                        | -0.1    | -0.6                       | 0.0     | -0.1                   | -0.1    | 0.5          | 0.0     | 0.0                  | -0.1    |
| November                                     | 0.2                        | -0.1    | -1.0                       | 0.3     | 0.0                    | 0.1     | 0.0          | -0.7    | 0.0                  | 0.0     |
| December                                     | 0.2                        | -0.1    | -0.6                       | 0.4     | 0.1                    | 0.1     | -0.2         | -0.7    | 0.0                  | 0.1     |
| January                                      | 0.1                        | 0.0     | 0.6                        | 0.4     | 0.2                    | 0.2     | 0.0          | -0.7    | 0.2                  | 0.1     |
| February                                     | 0.0                        | 0.1     | 1.1                        | 0.1     | 0.2                    | 0.1     | 1.0          | 0.0     | 0.2                  | 0.1     |
| March  | 0.0                        | 0.3     | 1.7                        | -0.3    | 0.2                    | 0.0     | 1.4          | 0.0     | 0.3                  | 0.0     |
| April  | 0.1                        | 0.1     | 1.0                        | -0.5    | 0.2                    | -0.2    | 1.2          | 0.7     | 0.3                  | -0.1    |
| May  | 0.2                        | -0.3    | 0.6                        | -0.6    | 0.3                    | -0.4    | 0.7          | 0.7     | 0.3                  | -0.3    |
| June   | 0.3                        | -0.5    | 0.2                        | -0.4    | 0.3                    | -0.5    | 0.2          | 1.1     | 0.3                  | -0.3    |
| <b>1997-98</b>                               |                            |         |                            |         |                        |         |              |         |                      |         |
| July   | 0.3                        | -0.7    | -0.2                       | -0.1    | 0.3                    | -0.4    | -0.2         | 0.7     | 0.2                  | -0.3    |
| August                                       | 0.3                        | -0.9    | 0.0                        | 0.4     | 0.3                    | -0.3    | 0.0          | 0.7     | 0.2                  | -0.2    |
| September                                    | 0.2                        | -0.9    | -0.2                       | 0.4     | 0.2                    | -0.3    | -0.2         | 0.0     | 0.1                  | -0.3    |

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

| Period                                | CIVILIAN POPULATION.....     |                                | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.. ..... |                   |                     |                     | PARTICIPATION RATE.. |         |         |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|
|                                       | Males<br>aged 15<br>and over | Females<br>aged 15<br>and over | Persons<br>aged<br>15-19  | Males<br>all ages | Females<br>all ages | Persons<br>all ages | Males                | Females | Persons |
|                                       | '000                         | '000                           | %                         | %                 | %                   | %                   | %                    | %       | %       |
| ANNUAL AVERAGE                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| 1991-92                               | 563.9                        | 585.4                          | 25.0                      | 12.1              | 9.9                 | 11.2                | 72.9                 | 50.7    | 61.6    |
| 1992-93                               | 567.4                        | 588.9                          | 26.6                      | 12.6              | 10.0                | 11.5                | 72.8                 | 51.0    | 61.7    |
| 1993-94                               | 570.6                        | 592.0                          | 28.3                      | 11.5              | 9.8                 | 10.8                | 71.7                 | 51.2    | 61.3    |
| 1994-95                               | 573.7                        | 594.7                          | 25.2                      | 10.9              | 9.2                 | 10.2                | 71.5                 | 52.4    | 61.8    |
| 1995-96                               | 576.2                        | 597.1                          | 27.2                      | 10.3              | 8.3                 | 9.5                 | 71.7                 | 52.4    | 61.9    |
| 1996-97                               | 579.8                        | 600.6                          | 23.7                      | 10.2              | 8.6                 | 9.5                 | 71.0                 | 53.1    | 61.9    |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR, |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| 1991-92                               | 1.0                          | 1.0                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| 1992-93                               | 0.6                          | 0.6                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| 1993-94                               | 0.6                          | 0.6                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| 1994-95                               | 0.6                          | 0.5                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| 1995-96                               | 0.4                          | 0.5                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| 1996-97                               | 0.6                          | 0.4                            | ..                        | ..                | ..                  | ..                  | ..                   | ..      | ..      |
| MONTHLY, ORIGINAL                     |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| <b>1996-97</b>                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| July                                  | 578.0                        | 598.9                          | 24.1                      | 9.3               | 8.1                 | 8.8                 | 70.7                 | 53.2    | 61.8    |
| August                                | 578.4                        | 599.2                          | 23.8                      | 10.2              | 8.4                 | 9.4                 | 70.4                 | 52.9    | 61.5    |
| September                             | 578.8                        | 599.6                          | 23.7                      | 10.5              | 8.6                 | 9.7                 | 70.6                 | 53.5    | 61.9    |
| October                               | 579.1                        | 599.9                          | 20.7                      | 10.0              | 8.5                 | 9.3                 | 70.4                 | 53.2    | 61.7    |
| November                              | 579.5                        | 600.2                          | 22.2                      | 10.1              | 8.0                 | 9.2                 | 70.8                 | 52.3    | 61.4    |
| December                              | 579.8                        | 600.5                          | 25.9                      | 9.9               | 9.1                 | 9.6                 | 71.6                 | 53.6    | 62.5    |
| January                               | 580.0                        | 600.7                          | 22.9                      | 10.9              | 9.2                 | 10.2                | 70.9                 | 52.2    | 61.4    |
| February                              | 580.3                        | 601.0                          | 23.5                      | 10.7              | 9.4                 | 10.1                | 71.1                 | 53.7    | 62.2    |
| March                                 | 580.5                        | 601.2                          | 22.7                      | 10.0              | 9.1                 | 9.6                 | 71.5                 | 53.8    | 62.5    |
| April                                 | 580.8                        | 601.5                          | 26.7                      | 10.6              | 8.6                 | 9.7                 | 71.1                 | 53.0    | 61.9    |
| May                                   | 581.1                        | 601.8                          | 23.7                      | 10.6              | 8.2                 | 9.6                 | 71.2                 | 52.4    | 61.6    |
| June                                  | 581.5                        | 602.2                          | 24.3                      | 10.0              | 8.4                 | 9.3                 | 71.4                 | 53.1    | 62.1    |
| <b>1997-98</b>                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| July                                  | 581.9                        | 602.6                          | 21.6                      | 9.9               | 8.5                 | 9.3                 | 71.2                 | 52.5    | 61.7    |
| August                                | 582.3                        | 602.9                          | 21.2                      | 10.1              | 8.2                 | 9.3                 | 71.3                 | 51.7    | 61.3    |
| September                             | 582.7                        | 603.3                          | 23.2                      | 10.6              | 8.7                 | 9.8                 | 72.1                 | 52.6    | 62.2    |
| MONTHLY, TREND                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| <b>1996-97</b>                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| July                                  | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.0              | 8.6                 | 9.4                 | 70.9                 | 53.2    | 61.9    |
| August                                | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.1              | 8.7                 | 9.4                 | 70.8                 | 53.2    | 61.9    |
| September                             | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.1              | 8.7                 | 9.5                 | 70.7                 | 53.1    | 61.8    |
| October                               | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.2              | 8.7                 | 9.5                 | 70.7                 | 53.1    | 61.7    |
| November                              | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.2              | 8.6                 | 9.5                 | 70.6                 | 53.1    | 61.7    |
| December                              | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.1              | 8.6                 | 9.5                 | 70.6                 | 53.1    | 61.7    |
| January                               | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.1              | 8.5                 | 9.4                 | 70.7                 | 53.1    | 61.8    |
| February                              | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.2              | 8.5                 | 9.5                 | 70.9                 | 53.2    | 61.9    |
| March                                 | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.3              | 8.5                 | 9.5                 | 71.1                 | 53.2    | 62.0    |
| April                                 | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.4              | 8.6                 | 9.6                 | 71.3                 | 53.1    | 62.0    |
| May                                   | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.5              | 8.7                 | 9.7                 | 71.5                 | 52.9    | 62.0    |
| June                                  | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.4              | 8.8                 | 9.7                 | 71.6                 | 52.6    | 62.0    |
| <b>1997-98</b>                        |                              |                                |                           |                   |                     |                     |                      |         |         |
| July                                  | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.4              | 8.9                 | 9.7                 | 71.7                 | 52.4    | 61.9    |
| August                                | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.4              | 8.9                 | 9.8                 | 71.8                 | 52.3    | 61.9    |
| September                             | n.a.                         | n.a.                           | n.a.                      | 10.3              | 9.0                 | 9.8                 | 71.9                 | 52.1    | 61.8    |

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

## FULL-TIME ADULTS...

## ALL EMPLOYEES.....

Ordinary time  
earnings.....Total  
earnings.....Total  
earnings.....

| Period | Maies | Females | Persons | Maies | Females | Persons | ... | Females | Persons |
|--------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----|---------|---------|
|--------|-------|---------|---------|-------|---------|---------|-----|---------|---------|

## ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)

|         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1991-92 | 588.40 | 524.10 | 567.80 | 624.90 | 534.00 | 595.80 | 564.80 | 388.90 | 483.70 |
| 1992-93 | 610.10 | 534.90 | 585.40 | 648.40 | 546.80 | 613.70 | 580.00 | 382.60 | 477.40 |
| 1993-94 | 625.10 | 547.60 | 600.00 | 667.50 | 560.10 | 632.70 | 595.10 | 396.60 | 503.30 |
| 1994-95 | 632.70 | 559.10 | 608.20 | 681.70 | 572.50 | 645.30 | 599.90 | 411.90 | 513.40 |
| 1995-96 | 653.90 | 555.90 | 622.80 | 703.15 | 568.50 | 660.05 | 620.10 | 403.90 | 520.65 |
| 1996-97 | 678.20 | 575.10 | 644.33 | 735.08 | 589.35 | 687.20 | 636.85 | 408.73 | 529.78 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

|         |     |      |     |     |      |     |      |      |      |
|---------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|
| 1991-92 | 4.8 | 7.8  | 5.6 | 4.3 | 7.6  | 5.1 | 3.3  | 8.0  | 4.7  |
| 1992-93 | 3.7 | 2.1  | 3.1 | 3.4 | 2.4  | 3.0 | -0.8 | -1.1 | -1.3 |
| 1993-94 | 2.5 | 2.4  | 2.5 | 3.3 | 2.4  | 3.1 | 6.3  | 3.7  | 5.4  |
| 1994-95 | 1.2 | 2.1  | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.2  | 2.0 | 0.8  | 3.9  | 2.0  |
| 1995-96 | 3.3 | -0.6 | 2.4 | 3.1 | -0.7 | 2.3 | 3.4  | -1.9 | 1.4  |
| 1996-97 | 3.7 | 3.5  | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.7  | 4.1 | 2.7  | 1.2  | 1.8  |

## QUARTERLY (\$ per week)

|                |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 16 February    | 658.90 | 557.20 | 626.30 | 713.60 | 569.50 | 667.30 | 631.40 | 402.40 | 527.20 |
| 17 May         | 668.90 | 557.10 | 633.80 | 721.40 | 571.80 | 674.40 | 640.50 | 408.30 | 534.60 |
| <b>1996-97</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 16 August      | 666.70 | 562.40 | 632.40 | 720.10 | 574.40 | 672.30 | 628.50 | 403.60 | 523.60 |
| 15 November    | 669.60 | 575.30 | 639.50 | 728.30 | 591.80 | 684.80 | 626.80 | 402.30 | 522.20 |
| 21 February    | 685.60 | 578.20 | 649.70 | 741.90 | 594.00 | 692.40 | 639.80 | 409.50 | 530.80 |
| 16 May         | 690.90 | 584.50 | 655.70 | 750.00 | 597.20 | 699.30 | 652.30 | 419.50 | 542.50 |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING REFERENCE DATE IN PREVIOUS YEAR

|                |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |      |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |      |
| 16 February    | 1.6 | -0.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | -0.6 | 1.3 | 1.8 | -3.2 | -0.1 |
| 17 May         | 5.3 | -1.2 | 3.6 | 5.3 | -1.0 | 3.8 | 6.6 | -0.6 | 4.1  |
| <b>1996-97</b> |     |      |     |     |      |     |     |      |      |
| 16 August      | 4.2 | 0.4  | 3.0 | 5.2 | 0.5  | 3.8 | 4.6 | -1.2 | 2.6  |
| 15 November    | 3.4 | 4.8  | 3.8 | 5.1 | 5.5  | 5.2 | 3.2 | 1.5  | 2.3  |
| 21 February    | 4.1 | 3.8  | 3.7 | 4.0 | 4.3  | 3.8 | 1.3 | 1.8  | 0.7  |
| 16 May         | 3.3 | 4.9  | 3.5 | 4.0 | 4.4  | 3.7 | 1.8 | 2.7  | 1.5  |

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REFERENCE DATE

|                |      |     |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
|----------------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| <b>1995-96</b> |      |     |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| 16 February    | 1.7  | 1.5 | 1.7  | 3.0  | 1.5 | 2.5  | 3.9  | 1.5  | 3.3  |
| 17 May         | 1.5  | 0.0 | 1.2  | 1.1  | 0.4 | 1.1  | 1.4  | 1.5  | 1.4  |
| <b>1996-97</b> |      |     |      |      |     |      |      |      |      |
| 16 August      | -0.3 | 1.0 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -1.9 | -1.2 | -2.1 |
| 15 November    | 0.4  | 2.3 | 1.1  | 1.1  | 3.0 | 1.9  | -0.3 | -0.3 | -0.3 |
| 21 February    | 2.4  | 0.5 | 1.6  | 1.9  | 0.4 | 1.1  | 2.1  | 1.8  | 1.6  |
| 16 May         | 0.8  | 1.1 | 0.9  | 1.1  | 0.5 | 1.0  | 2.0  | 2.4  | 2.2  |

SECURED HOUSING  
FINANCE COMMITMENTS ..

| Period                                | Dwelling<br>units<br>no. | Value<br>\$m | Alterations<br>and<br>additions<br>\$m | Personal<br>finance<br>commitments<br>\$m | Commercial<br>finance<br>commitments<br>\$m | Lease<br>finance<br>commitments<br>\$m |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|---|---|--|
| ANNUAL                                |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| 1991-92                               | 31 765                   | 2 083.8      | 88.8                                   | 1 456.7                                   | 6 667.9                                     | 256.2                                  |
| 1992-93                               | 36 960                   | 2 569.5      | 102.8                                  | 1 656.9                                   | 5 122.5                                     | 249.5                                  |
| 1993-94                               | 45 725                   | 3 387.9      | 221.8                                  | 1 840.3                                   | 5 467.2                                     | 250.6                                  |
| 1994-95                               | 36 429                   | 2 879.7      | 242.2                                  | 2 152.2                                   | 5 405.6                                     | 271.4                                  |
| 1995-96                               | 38 707                   | 2 982.2      | 240.7                                  | 2 211.5                                   | 6 516.2                                     | 265.4                                  |
| 1996-97                               | 36 680                   | 2 956.1      | 188.1                                  | 2 612.0                                   | 6 092.4                                     | 232.0                                  |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR  |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| 1991-92                               | 10.7                     | 20.4         | 51.0                                   | -3.1                                      | 6.6   | -20.7                                  |
| 1992-93                               | 16.4                     | 23.3         | 15.8                                   | 13.7                                      | -23.2                                       | -2.6                                   |
| 1993-94                               | 23.7                     | 31.9         | 115.7                                  | 11.1                                      | 6.7   | 0.5                                    |
| 1994-95                               | -20.3                    | -15.0        | 9.2                                    | 16.9                                      | -1.1  | 8.3                                    |
| 1995-96                               | 6.3                      | 3.6          | -0.6                                   | 2.8                                       | 20.5  | -2.2                                   |
| 1996-97                               | -5.2                     | -0.9         | -21.9                                  | 18.1                                      | -6.5  | -12.6                                  |
| MONTHLY                               |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| <b>1995-96</b>                        |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| June                                  | 2 707                    | 213.6        | 26.1                                   | 182.0                                     | 627.7                                       | 31.3                                   |
| <b>1996-97</b>                        |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| July                                  | 3 013                    | 237.8        | 21.7                                   | 188.3                                     | 656.7                                       | 22.8                                   |
| August                                | 2 776                    | 216.9        | 18.8                                   | 180.8                                     | 444.0                                       | 18.9                                   |
| September                             | 3 064                    | 250.6        | 19.4                                   | 175.0                                     | 491.6                                       | 22.2                                   |
| October                               | 2 965                    | 233.6        | 14.0                                   | 203.6                                     | 444.8                                       | 15.3                                   |
| November                              | 3 115                    | 248.1        | 14.2                                   | 188.8                                     | 541.7                                       | 17.8                                   |
| December                              | 2 995                    | 251.5        | 13.1                                   | 220.7                                     | 615.6                                       | 19.2                                   |
| January                               | 2 885                    | 231.3        | 15.3                                   | 221.0                                     | 409.1                                       | 13.7                                   |
| February                              | 3 013                    | 246.6        | 16.4                                   | 214.4                                     | 415.3                                       | 15.3                                   |
| March                                 | 3 117                    | 251.4        | 12.9                                   | 241.7                                     | 526.5                                       | 13.9                                   |
| April                                 | 3 318                    | 270.4        | 15.5                                   | 251.6                                     | 497.5                                       | 21.6                                   |
| May                                   | 3 228                    | 264.5        | 14.8                                   | 251.7                                     | 561.6                                       | 20.7                                   |
| June                                  | 3 172                    | 253.3        | 11.9                                   | 249.8                                     | 497.9                                       | 30.6                                   |
| <b>1997-98</b>                        |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| July                                  | 3 004                    | 243.4        | 10.8                                   | 278.3                                     | 640.2                                       | 30.0                                   |
| August                                | 3 085                    | 251.1        | 10.4                                   | 204.6                                     | 377.0                                       | 21.8                                   |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| <b>1996-97</b>                        |                          |              |  |   |   |  |
| July                                  | 11.3                     | 11.3         | -16.8                                  | 3.4                                       | 4.6   | -27.1                                  |
| August                                | -7.9                     | -8.8         | -13.4                                  | -4.0                                      | -32.4                                       | -17.2                                  |
| September                             | 10.4                     | 15.5         | 3.4                                    | -3.2                                      | 10.7  | 17.8                                   |
| October                               | -3.2                     | -6.8         | -27.9                                  | 16.3                                      | -9.5  | -31.2                                  |
| November                              | 5.1                      | 6.2          | 1.6                                    | -7.3                                      | 21.8  | 16.6                                   |
| December                              | -3.9                     | 1.4          | -8.4                                   | 16.9                                      | 13.6  | 7.7                                    |
| January                               | -3.7                     | -8.0         | 17.5                                   | 0.1                                       | -33.5                                       | -28.6                                  |
| February                              | 4.4                      | 6.6          | 7.0                                    | -3  | 1.5   | 11.5                                   |
| March                                 | 3.5                      | 2.0          | -21.3                                  | 12.8                                      | 26.8  | -8.7                                   |
| April                                 | 6.4                      | 7.5          | 19.6                                   | 4.1                                       | -7.4  | 55.3                                   |
| May                                   | -2.7                     | -2.2         | -4.3                                   | 0.0                                       | 15.2  | -4.2                                   |
| June                                  | -1.7                     | -4.2         | -19.8                                  | -0.7                                      | -11.3                                       | 47.6                                   |
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| July                                  | -5.3                     | -3.9         | -9.0                                   | 11.4                                      | 28.6  | -2.1                                   |
| August                                | 2.7                      | 3.1          | -3.9                                   | -26.5                                     | -41.1                                       | -27.1                                  |

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